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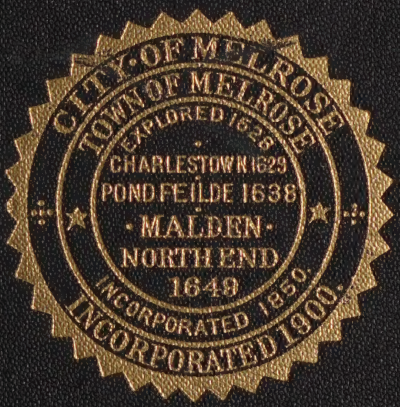

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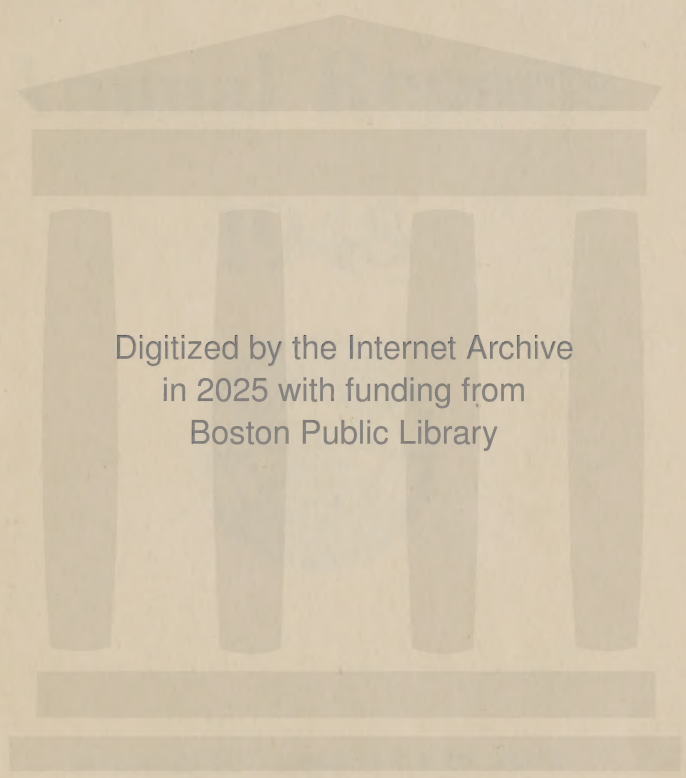

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INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF MAYOR THOMAS L. THISTLE
January 5, 1948

The City of Melrose is widely recognized as a financially sound and wisely governed City, free from the intrigue or metropolitan politics, and served by competent municipal employees. Every thinking citizen will want to continue this type of government.

Melrose was incorporated in 1900, and the wisdom, foresight, and integrity of my thirteen predecessors in the important office of Mayor substantially contributed to its enviable record. Melrose must continue as one of the model communities of New England. Residential growth, met without surrendering the City's individuality of lowering its standards, will be a critical problem of the next decade. My appreciation of the greatly cherished honor of serving as your Mayor will be demonstrated by constant efforts to continue the criterion of service established by my predecessors in office, to the end that the many desirable characteristics of residential Melrose may be perpetuated.

Melrose is most fortunate in being served by competent and alert departmental heads, and in the general loyalty and devotion of its city employees. Our charter provides that each department head will be responsible for the efficiency, discipline and proper administration of his respective department. It will be my policy to observe the intent of these provisions of the charter by exerting no undue interference in the internal management of the departments. However, whenever deemed necessary, executive control will be exercised to obtain performance of administrative details considered for the best interest of the City.

Constant vigilance will be required to retain the distinctive characteristics of Melrose, its deliberate desire to remain a City of Homes. A sound and normal growth, by the construction of single residences on its not more than 800 vacant building lots, will be accomplished whenever building conditions become favorable. Melrose having 4,974 single residences, 85% of its total, conditions that detract from the present standards of our residential City should be discouraged by the alertness of city officials and the watchfulness of its citizens. Solitary encroachments often appear innocent and of little consequence, but the cumulative effect over a period of years will result in the destruction of our highly prized residential features.

The future needs of Melrose may be divided into three general classifications: First-The routine improvements ordinarily obtainable from current income, and to be expected in progressive municipal administration: Second-Federal, State and County improvements, not requiring local expenditures: Third-Permanent improvements, of substantial value to posterity, but ordinarily not obtainable from current income.

The first classification requires prompt, if not emergency, solution of the acute automobile parking problems in our five business districts. The recent Master Plan Report prepared for the Melrose Planning Board by Frederick J. Adams, City Planning Consultant, presents major and many excellent traffic and parking recommendations. The project for automobile parking lots proposed in the central business

district will accommodate 435 cars at an estimated total cost of approximately $317,000 with a $187,000 net loss of taxable property. Immediate relief is required, and cannot be delayed pending detailed consideration of these expensive proposals and recommendations to relieve traffic congestion.

A survey to analyze spending in Melrose shows that improved parking conditions would result in the spending in Melrose of substantial moneys now being spent by our residents who patronize businesses in other localities. Improvements will serve to induce more residents to shop in their home community, and the increased retail trade would stimulate business expansion, thereby offering a wider variety and selection of quality merchandise. Many proposed solutions often appear advisable at first glance, but trial demonstrations disclose disproportionate hardships without material benefits to either merchants or customers. Possibly parking meters, supplemented by free all day parking at city-owned or hired vacant lots in the rear of business districts, may be the solution.

An immediate exhaustive and impartial study is most desirable, therefore I am hereby appointing a TRAFFIC SURVEY COMMITTEE, and request that it report its recommendations to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen within three months from date. The Committee members are: City Engineer Weeks, Chairman; Police Captain MacWilliams; Fire Chief Field; Alderman Chester M. Cummings; Chairman Edward F. Riley of the Planning Board; Joseph T. Cefalo representing the Chamber of Commerce; William B. Alexander representing the Rotary Club; and Edgar A. Perry representing the Lions' Club.

Melrose has approximately 545 acres of parks and playgrounds. Excluding Mt. Hood, Pine Banks Park, and Middlesex Fells, only about 70 acres have general, neighborhood use. Less than one half of the school population live within a third of a mile of a playground, and the western section of the City is without any suitable playground.

The ideal active recreational system should be closely allied to the school system. Four of our eleven schools have no playground areas, and only three have adequate areas. No playgrounds have comfort stations. To expedite improvements during 1948, I shall recommend to the Board of Aldermen (1) purchase of vacant land for playground purposes in Ward 3 Precinct 2, as suggested by the Master Plan report, (2) building a comfort station and room for storing park and playground equipment on "The Common", situated between Laurel, Larrabee, East Foster, and Sixth Streets, (3) a substantial increase of the Park Department's recreational program appropriation to afford more supervised play and improved playground equipment.

Appropriations from excess and deficiency accounts, post war rehabilitation funds, and current income should provide additional funds to (1) construct the urgently needed garage at the City Yard to house our automotive equipment (2) complete the athletic field stadium (3) improve the surface conditions of our streets, and the acceptance of many proposed streets, a program retarded by the war efforts (4) purchase labor saving mechanical equipment (5) provide for off-street parking facilities (6) finance possible acceptance of a five-day week for city employees, comparable with similar working hours already adopted by many nearby cities and towns (7) appoint one additional officer for the Fire Department, necessitated by the recently granted seventy hour week (8) appoint two additional police officers.

Progress requires essential and well considered improvements, but control of the ever increasing cost of government requires a critical analysis of each individual item of the budget. Economy must continue the watchword in Melrose, and economies initiated wherever possible.

SECOND: Federal, State and County Improvement, Not Requiring local Expenditures.

The City of Melrose has crucial need of a new post-office. Our esteemed Congressman, Angier L. Goodwin, recently appointed to the all powerful Ways and Means Committee, and Governor's Councillor, Victor A. Friend, will continue to give the matter preferred attention. However, considerable advantage can be gained by the appointment of a local committee of highly respected citizens who are intimately acquainted with our Federal Officals. Benjamin F. Felt, Chairman, Richard S. Robie, and Lloyd B. Waring, have generously consented to serve, and we may anticipate their skillful efforts will obtain a new post-office for Melrose whenever Congress passes its first post-way Post-office building appropriations.

A state Armory in Melrose affords many civic advantages, particularly during national emergencies. The City merely furnishes the land. An active committee to promote an armory should be composed of residents keenly interested in this project. The following citizens are appointed as an ARMORY COMMITTEE, Colonel James G. Brown, Chairmanl Colonel Charles I. Boynton; John T. Brady, whose two sons graduated from West Point and are regular army officers; Major James E. Milano; and Charles A. Scrymgeour.

THIRD: Permanent Improvement, of Substantial Value to Posterity, and Not Obtainable from Current Income.

The orderly and attractive development of Melrose, in harmony with our social and economic needs, requires comprehensive long-range planning. Success will depend upon the degree of support given by the municipal govennment, the various city boards and agencies, and the public at large. The many suggested projects should be placed on a logical priority list, and accomplished accordingly. Our Planning Board has devoted long hours to intensive study of long-range planned major capital improvements, including (1) Hesseltine School (2) Ell Pond Park (3) Southwest fire station (4) off-street automobile parking (5) new major thoroughfares (6) recreational facilities (7) municipal finances.

The general consensus of opinion of the Planning Board, school officials, and our citizenry places as first on the priority list the erection of a new elementary school on the vacant Hesseltine Avenue lot. Our city charter vests in the School Committee full responsibility for our public educational requirements. The Mayor's duty is to make suitable recommendations to carry out the policies and programs of the School Committee. The Board of Aldermen have the responsibility of analyzing the widson of the Mayor's recommendations, and to make adequate financial appropriations to insure the fulfill ment of the School Committee's programs. Almost unanimous opinion approves the erection of a Hesseltine School, the division of opinion relating only to (a) the size and cost of the building necessary to insure a high standard of education (b) whether or not a bond issue should be voted.

The friendly relations that will exist between our new School

Committee, and the new Board of Aldermen, aided by joint conferences, I am confident will solve these greatly mooted questions in the near future, and the solution will be for the best interest of the public at large.

Sixteen years ago our city debt was in excess of one millon dollars. In the interim, we have constructed an $800,000 High School and accumulated substantial post-war rehabilitation funds. Payment next July of $14,000 will free the City of Melrose from all present bonded indebtedness. Unlimited credit for this outstanding financial record should be accorded Mayors Robert A. Perkins and Carl A. Raymond, City Treasurer Homer Buttrick, and the devoted years of unsalaried service of the members of the Boards of Aldermen. Furthermore, during this period, real estate assessed valuations have remained most favorable.

Melrose, for years, has operated on a "pay-as-you-go" policy; i.e. current operating expenses are paid out of current income. Substantial and necessary public improvements and buildings, of permanent value to posterity, ordinarily are not considered within the scope of a "pay-as-you-go" policy. The Melrose High School was built on a bond issue.

My financial policy includes a great reluctance towards our debt-free City renewing its bonded indebtedness. Possibly a satisfactory Hesseltine Avenue elementary school can be constructed with the $175,000 already appropriated, contributions from the post-war rehabilitation funds, and excess and deficiency account, current tax levies, and short term notes.

The pride of retaining our debt-free status should not require that excessive sums for permanent improvements be included in our current tax levies, thereby imposing an unwarrented burden upon our home owners by an unreasonably heavy tax rate. The recently voted "equal pay for women teachers" and the daily increasing cost of maintaining satisfactory service in our city departments, will result in as large an increase as the great majority of property owners will want to pay.

Melrose is frequently referred to as "spotless town" due to an unblemised reputation for the purity and integrity in its city government. It will be my invariable aim to continue this enviable reputation. My administration will strive for efficiency, reasonable economy, and good will; rather than spectacular action. The cooperation of all interested in the continuance of good government in Melrose is earnestly solicited. The security of our government depends upon the vigilance of its citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas L. Thistle
Mayor

GOVERNMENT

OF THE

City of Melrose

Mayor

THOMAS L. THISTLE

95 Youle Street

President of the Board of Aldermen

FRANK B. McLAUGHLIN

15 Stevens Road

City Clerk

RAYMOND H. GREENLAW

38 Laurel Street

Aldermen-at-Large

Herman A. Black, 68 Wentworth Road

Walter B. Davis, 16 Sewall Street

Chester M. Cummings, 152 Beech Avenue

Allen L. Giles, 62 Lovell Road

Ward Aldermen

1 Frank B. McLaughlin, 15 Stevens Road
2. George E. Perham, 629 Lynn Fells Pkwy.
3. Ronald H. Winde, 52 Wentworth Road
4. Raymond E. Campbell, 75 Sheffield Road
5. Warren E. Taylor, 18 Adams Street
6. Stanley G. Bunker, 159 First Street
7. Lawrence F. Gilligan, 131 Grove Street

STANDING COMMITTEES of the BOARD OF ALDERMEN YEAR 1948

Appropriations

Alderman Stanley G. Bunker, Chairman
Aldermen Taylor, Black, Cummings, Giles, Perham, Davis, Campbell, Winde, Gilligan

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Education, Health and Public Welfare

Alderman Ronald H. Winde, Chairman
Aldermen Campbell, Bunker, Cummings, Gilligan

Finance

Alderman Warren E. Taylor, Chairman
Aldermen Davis, Perham, Giles, Black

Highways

Alderman Lawrence F. Gilligan, Chairman
Aldermen Campbell, Winde, Cummings, Bunker

Legal and Legislative

Alderman Walter B. Davis, Chairman
Aldermen Black, Perham, Giles, Taylor

Protection and License

Alderman Raymond E. Campbell, Chairman
Aldermen Cummings, Winde, Gilligan, Bunker

Public Service

Alderman Herman A. Black, Chairman
Aldermen Perham, Davis, Giles, Taylor

Clerk of Committees

Wesley H. Murray — 109 W. Wyoming Avenue

CITY OFFICERS AND OFFICE HOURS

Acting under the authority of Section one hundred and ten A of Chapter forty-one of the General Laws, inserted therein by Chapter two hundred and sixty-five of the Acts of nineteen hundred and forty-seven, the offices hereinafter named shall be open to the public for the transaction of business from 8 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. daily, except Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays:

The Offices of the city clerk, city collector, engineer and superintendent of public works, board of assessors, board of health, board of public welfare, city treasurer, city auditor, building commissioner and veterans' services.

Except during the months of July and August and on legal holidays, the aforesaid offices shall be open on the first and third Mondays of every month from 7 P. M. to 9 P. M. and on all other Monday evenings from 7 P. M. to 8 P. M. (Revised Ordinances, Chapter 2, Section 56, as amended)

City Clerk
Raymond H. Greenlaw

Assistant City Clerk
E. Maude Brown

City Treasurer and Collector
S. Homer Buttrick

City Auditor
Edward J. Donovan

Engineer and Superintendent of Public Works
Glen S. Weeks

City Solicitor
A. Van Allen Thomason

Mayor's Secretary
Blanche E. Nickerson

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief
Sidney C. Field

Deputy Chief
Office Vacant

Fire Warden
Sidney C. Field

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Captain
George D. McWilliams

Lieutenant
Robert A. Lloyd

Building Commissioner
Malcolm G. Fillmore

Inspector of Plumbing
Fred A. Young

Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering
Cornelius Thibeault, V.S.

Inspector of Food
Harold R. Munro

Inspector of Milk and Vinegar
Harold R. Munro

Sealer of Weights and Measures
Wesley H. Murray

Veterans' Agent and Director of Veterans' Services

Dr. H. Leslie Trickey

Advisory Board for Veterans' Services

Robert S. Bleyle
Rev. Joseph F. Bonner
Carl F. Fahlow
Frank C. Gardner
William H. Gibbons
Daniel A. Harrington
Dr. Ralph D. Leonard
Richard H. McIntosh
Harold W. Poole
Louis J. Savarino
Dr. Albert E. Small (Died June 9, 1948)
Rev. Chadbourne A. Spring
George F. Wallburg
Herbert T. C. Wilson (Died Nov. 26, 1948)

Assessors

Roger W. Brown, Chairman	Term expires 1949
Henry L. Restall	Term expires 1950
Norman D. MacDonald	Term expires 1951

Lawrence E. Lovejoy, Executive Clerk

Inspector of Wires

Fred A. Edwards

Board of Health

Dr. Albert E. Small, Chairman	Died June 9, 1948
Dr. Frederick A. Dunham, Chairman	Term expires 1951
Edward L. Kelly	Term expires 1949
Paul E. Troy	Term expires 1950

City Physician

Dr. Frederick A. Dunham

School Physicians

Dr. Frederick A. Dunham
Dr. Thomas M. Hearne
Dr. Francis D. McCarthy
Dr. Albert E. Small (died June 9, 1948)

Board of Public Welfare

Roy M. Cushman, Chairman	Term expires 1949
Vivian B. Adams	Term expires 1951
Harry E. Dearborn	Term expires 1951
John W. Huse	Term expires 1950
Gladys E. Menten	Term expires 1949
Anna J. Richards (resigned)	

Mary J. Melville, Superintendent

Park Commission

Warren R. Kershaw, Chairman (resigned)	
Harold W. Poole, Chairman	Term expires 1951
John T. Brady	Term expires 1950
Robert D. Culver (resigned)	
Edgar A. Perry	Term expires 1952
Kenneth G. Swindell	Term expires 1949
Benjamin R. Vaughan	Term expires 1953
Walter C. Verge (resigned)	

Francis J. Meehan, Asst. Superintendent

Board of Appeal

William H. Jones, Chairman	Term expires 1951
Harry Brettell	Term expires 1951
Melvin R. Jenney	Term expires 1952
Clinton C. Lawry	Term expires 1952
George H. Varney	Term expires 1949

Edwin H. King, Clerk

Superintendent of Schools

Natt B. Burbank

School Committee Members

Herbert N. Faulkner, Chairman	Term expires 1952
Carita H. Lovejoy, Corr. Secy.	Term expires 1950
Charles H. Adams	Term expires 1950
Matthew M. Cox	Term expires 1950
Robert A. Friend	Term expires 1950
John W. Hess	Term expires 1952
Kenneth L. Maclachlan	Term expires 1952
Caroline H. Scott	Term expires 1952
Anna C. Washburn	Term expires 1952

Trustees of Memorial Building

Dr. Harold L. Margeson, Chairman	Term expires 1950
Robert T. Boynton	Term expires 1949
Leslie B. Ellis	Term expires 1951
Orlando W. Foss	Term expires 1951
Louis K. McNally	Term expires 1949

Trustees of Public Library

Hugh Nixon, Chairman	Term expires 1951
William L. Carney	Term expires 1949
Edwin W. Lundquist	Term expires 1950
Dr. Melvin H. Nicholls	Term expires 1951
Elisabeth M. Perkins	Term expires 1949
Elinor H. Tibbetts	Term expires 1950

Helen Anderson, Librarian

Cemetery Committee

William J. McClintock, Chairman

Joseph Casey — Arthur D. King

Howard O. Milton, Superintendent

Inspector of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves

Henry F. Weiler

Registrars of Voters

Charles E. Holt, Chairman	Term expires 1951
Fergus W. Griffin	Term expires 1949
Edward J. Murphy	Term expires 1950
Raymond H. Greenlaw, City Clerk	Ex-officio

Assistant Registrars of Voters

Helene K. Barrett	George W. Jepson, Jr.
Katherine D. Boynton	Mary A. McHatton
Helen D. Brackett	Grace F. Mitchell
Mary H. Condell	Dell H. Mullin
Catherine A. Galvin	Frances M. O'Connell
Barbara H. Gove	Helen P. Sykes
Lorraine E. Harney	Julia A. Twohig
Lillian M. Haslam	Mary R. Winslow

Dog Officer

James W. Cheshire

Planning Board

Edward F. Riley, Chairman	Term expires 1950
Zilpha C. Huntress, Secretary	Term expires 1949
William L. Bailey	Term expires 1953
Ralph E. Gott	Term expires 1951
Edward M. Laskey	Term expires 1951
Kenneth G. Macquarrie (resigned)	
Edward F. Page	Term expires 1952
Francis P. Sammet	Term expires 1953
Mary D. Whitney	Term expires 1949
Royal Barry Wills	Term expires 1950

Retirement Board

Edward J. Donovan, Chairman	City Auditor
Martin J. Armstrong, Secretary	Term expires 1950
Robert L. Hutchinson	Term expires 1949

Fence Viewers

Clyde O. Bailey

Arthur L. Marr

Constables

George D. McWilliams

Wesley H. Murray

Guy A. Storer

Keeper of the Lock-up

George D. McWilliams

REPORT OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
The Honorable Board of Aldermen

Gentlemen:

The Board of Assessors respectfully submits the following report of the Assessing Department for the year ending December 31, 1948:

Taxable Valuation of the City:		
Real Estate	$ 37,698,600.00	
Personal Estate	3,365,750.00	
Total	$ 41,064,350.00	
Tax Rate $42.00 per $1000.00		

BUDGET

City Appropriations:			
To be included in the Tax Levy	$ 2,236,368.14		
From Available Funds	553,127.10		
Total Appropriations		$	2,789,495.24
State Assessments - 1948 Estimates:			
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	$ 1,624.72		
State Examination of Retirement System	138.50		
Smoke Inspection Service	483.60		
Charles River Basin	3,580.57		
Metropolitan Parks:			
Reservations	10,104.60		
Nantasket Beach Maintenance	948.02		
Boulevards	148.35		
Metropolitan Sewerage:			
North System	43,562.89		
Metropolitan Water	24,445.04		
Total 1948 State Estimates		$	85,036.29
State Assessments - 1947 Underestimates			
Metropolitan Parks:			
Reservations	$ 711.47		
Boulevards	.01		
Metropolitan Sewerage:			
North System	4,083.44		
Metropolitan Water	250.40		
Total 1947 State Underestimates		$	5,045.32
County Assessments - 1948 Estimates:			
County Tax	$ 68,879.51		
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	14,344.76		
Total 1948 County Estimates		$	83,224.27

BUDGET-CONTINUED

OVERLAY-1948		$ 18,248.39
OVERLAY DEFICIT-1941	$ 12.00	
OVERLAY DEFICIT-1942	18.00	
OVERLAY DEFICIT-1943	10.00	
OVERLAY DEFICIT-1944	10.00	
OVERLAY DEFICIT-1945	6.00	
OVERLAY DEFICIT-1947	1,097.11	
TOTAL OVERLAY DEFICITS		1,153.11
TOTAL - ALL APPROPRIATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS		$ 2,982,202.62

LESS DEDUCTIONS

Estimated Receipts - City 1948:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	$ 74,261.81	
Licenses	5,000.00	
Fines	300.00	
Special Assessments	12,000.00	
General Government	8,000.00	
Protection of Persons and Property	200.00	
Health and Sanitation	18,000.00	
Highways	2,500.00	
Charities	13,000.00	
Old Age Assistance	90,000.00	
Veterans' Benefits	6,000.00	
Schools	5,000.00	
Public Services	127,000.00	
Cemeteries	8,000.00	
Interest	2,500.00	
Total 1948 Estimated City Receipts		$ 371,761.81
Estimated Receipts - State 1948:		
Income Tax	$ 170,635.83	
Corporation Taxes	89,438.03	
Old Age Tax (Meals)	5,917.95	
Chapter 498, Acts of 1948	37,920.00	
Total 1948 Estimated State Receipts		$ 303,911.81
1947 State Overestimates:		
Smoke Inspection Service	$ 32.32	
Melrose Charge to Saugus	159.60	
Charles River Basin	261.16	
Nantasket Beach Maintenance	153.22	
Total 1947 State Overestimates		$ 606.30
1947 County Overestimates:		
County Tax		$ 10,062.90
Available Funds		$ 553,127.10
TOTAL ALL DEDUCTIONS		$ 1,239,469.92
Amount to be Raised by Taxation		$ 1,742,732.70

ADDENDUM

YEAR	CENSUS	DWELLINGS	POLLS	VALUE BUILDINGS	VALUE LAND	TOTAL VAL. REAL ESTATE	VALUE PERSONAL ESTATE	TOTAL VALUATION	RATE PER $1,000	CITY APPROPRIATION	SEWERAGE TAX	OTHER STATE LEVIES	STATE TAX	COUNTY TAX	OVERLAY	TOTAL TAX LEVY	YEAR
1928	22,587	4,708	6,591	23,575,450	7,479,300	31,054,750	3,526,450	34,581,200	31.00	1,043,604.08	27,025.33	17,152.10 2,961.86 634.97 786.90 1,435.56	37,315.00 273.27 2,051.95 253.16 121.29 2.66	39,291.06 3,010.85	14,719.84	1,190,639.22 *84,691.30	1928
1929	23,440	4,858	6,684	25,120,150	7,693,400	32,813,550	2,226,425	35,039,975	33.00	1,167,879.76	26,793.55	21,063.33 3,440.37 217.11 2,279.25 11,977.86	40,800.00 276.98 107.20 40.00 291.05 296.77 507.05 3.75	46,424.10	21,885.53	1,190,711.16	1929
1930	23,566	4,912	6,826	25,861,450	7,676,600	33,538,050	2,372,000	35,910,050	33.20	1,288,131.03	18,533.02	26,965.45 4,326.09 419.85	33,600.00 668.32 6,353.30 789.18 260.00	60,722.91 5,300.77	14,101.74	1,451,671.66 *245,806.00	1930
1931	23,712	4,987	7,027	26,265,500	7,792,300	34,057,800	2,480,100	36,537,900	35.20	1,394,583.11	18,525.48	25,998.96 4,619.94 740.70	36,000.00 7,027.00 590.00 665.16	59,803.18 5,631.87	15,978.06	1,570,163.46 *262,948.38	1931
1932	23,783	5,035	7,116	26,678,850	7,887,000	34,565,850	2,225,100	36,820,950	31.80	1,327,235.27 †90,057.05	17,334.15	92,873.07	50,797.50	50,847.38 8,893.99	21,674.18	1,659,712.59 *467,458.38	1932
1933	23,534	5,076	7,240	26,649,700	7,931,200	34,580,900	2,108,600	36,689,500	33.60	1,348,025.24 †206,930.62	16,643.37	90,190.89	46,890.00	47,082.90 16,653.34	34,866.13 239.34	1,807,521.83 *553,034.63	1933
1934	23,565	5,432	7,299	26,718,150	7,896,500	34,614,650	2,076,550	36,691,200	33.00	1,356,488.97 †161,818.77	15,919.98	83,642.67	52,100.00	51,830.98 15,538.41	27,844.47 4,088.45	1,769,272.70 *543,865.10	1934
1935	24,256	5,455	7,575	26,682,550	7,979,650	34,662,200	2,200,200	36,862,400	36.00	1,472,523.20 †58,458.65	15,900.00	86,026.53	53,200.00	53,368.63 14,369.73	22,072.32 211.20	1,776,130.26 *433,933.86	1935
1936	23,924	5,497	7,577	26,544,150	7,966,900	34,511,050	2,145,200	36,656,250	32.00	1,357,988.36 †252,452.98	19,348.97	84,984.35	16,800.00	55,441.81 15,567.21	19,812.19 892.02	1,823,287.89 *635,133.89	1936
1937	23,891	5,674	7,106	27,013,900	7,972,300	34,986,200	2,420,000	37,406,200	33.80	1,416,969.65 †138,894.78	22,612.66	86,408.42	64,400.00	56,912.59 15,608.79	15,889.11 3,167.76	1,820,863.76 *542,322.20	1937
1938	24,050	5,748	7,175	27,619,400	8,089,000	35,708,400	2,807,500	38,515,900	34.40	1,502,168.38 †61,646.44	22,916.59	89,157.51	50,440.00	59,058.70 32,760.51	18,876.83 1,084.67	1,838,109.63 *498,212.67	1938
1939	24,670	5,790	7,977	27,584,800	8,189,000	35,773,800	2,726,250	38,500.050	33.80	1,491,463.07 †102,231.21	27,001.39	142,027.68	104,040.00	49,678.46 18,408.73	17,925.87	1,952,776.41 *635,520.72	1939
1940	25,232	5,858	8,191	27,749,950	8,047,250	35,797,200	2,727,800	38,525,000	33.60	1,512,704.20 †57,768.78	28,982.80	81,387.41	92,480.00	49,678.46 18,998.84	29,317.13	1,871,317.62 *560,495.62	1940
1941	25,511	5,926	8,281	27,859,050	7,939,600	35,798,650	2,723,450	38,522,100	31.60	1,475,192.60 †58,077.51	33,226.90	72,049.39	100,485.00	57,506.55 17,281.83	29,226.58 2,024.83	1,845,071.19 *611,210.83	1941
1942	25,896	5,875	8,486	28,453,600	7,971,250	36,424,850	2,676,750	39,101,600	30.60	1,445,152.91 †104,482.00	30,823.77	71,335.63	91,350.00	48,063.67 17,498.85	27,207.70 580.71	1,836,495.24 *623,014.28	1942
1943	26,649	5,887	8,838	28,698,600	7,931,900	36,630,500	2,729,200	39,359,700	28.40	1,385,174.55 †79,284.55	31,938.34	64,856.13	30,450.00	43,324.31 10,571.89	17,553.72	1,663,153.49 *527,662.01	1943
1944	27,412	5,885	9,195	28,624,500	8,035,950	36,660,450	2,715,900	39,376,350	29.60	1,402,782.15 †199,898.08	29,159.69	80,378.72	76,351.00	51,223.86 12,302.59	18,051.80	1,870,147.89 *686,339.93	1944
1945	27,971	5,881	9,329	28,671,500	7,909,800	36,581,300	2,806,050	39,387,350	29.60	1,499,942.80 †191,089.31	29,762.25	71,522.56	42,908.00	53,313.34 12,375.71	16,286.28 250.00	1,867,450.25 *682,926.69	1945
1946	27,938	5,880	9,324	28,702,200	7,908,350	36,610,550	2,913,000	39,423,550	31.60	1,560,615.98 †182,790.95	34,052.28	39,113.24	31,600.00	62,376.97 10,001.77	17,480.45 312.40	1,938,344.04 *673,981.86	1946
1947	27,761	5,901	9,089	28,973,700	7,916,800	36,890,500	3,093,950	39,984,450	36.00	1,863,980.44 †257,748.14	43,122.85	43,305.96	31,600.00	76,511.38 14,344.76	15,772.18 94.00	2,346,479.71 *888,909.51	1947
1948	27,754	5,977	9,015	29,736,800	7,961,800	37,698,600	3,365,750	41,064,350	42.00	2,236,368.14 †553,127.10	47,646.33	42,435.28	0.00	68,879.51 14,344.76	18,248.39 1,153.11	2,982,202.62 *1,239,469.92	1948

..........* Following the 1929 State audit, changes were made in the accounting method which render impossible comparisons of appropriations between the years previous and those following:

† From Available Funds
* Receipts

How Raised:

9015 Polls @ $2.00			$ 18,030.00
Personal Property - $ 3,365,750	@	$42.00 M	141,361.50
Real Estate - 37,698,600	@	42.00 M	1,583,341.20
Total Raised			$ 1,742,732.70

Number of Persons, Partnerships and Corporations ass'd.	6558
Number of Persons assessed for Poll Tax	9015
Number of Motor Vehicle Excises levied	9032
Number of Horses assessed upon	29
Number of Cows assessed upon	0
Number of Dwellings assessed upon	5977

VALUATION OF EXEMPTED PROPERTY

City Property Publicly Used	$ 394,900.00	$ 4,392,200.00
City Property Not So Used		125,325.00
Benevolent Institutions	265,750.00	336,400.00
Cemeteries	500.00	23,400.00
Charitable Institutions	5,500.00	39,700.00
Houses of Religious Worship	39,500.00	910,300.00
Literary Institutions	12,500.00	121,600.00
Organizations of War Veterans	3,000.00	18,900.00
Parsonages		39,900.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		17,000.00
	$ 721,650.00	$ 6,024,725.00

The following additional assessments were committed:

December Commitment		$ 29.40
Motor Vehicle Excise (9032)		$ 107,911.75
Apportioned Sewer Assessments	$ 4,002.84	
" Sidewalk "	1,908.75	
" Street "	1,358.17	
" Committed Interest	1,334.79	$ 8,604.55
Unapportioned Sewer Assessments	$ 9,141.40	
" Sidewalk "	6,746.96	
" Street "	1,541.02	$ 17,429.38
Additional Polls (25)		$ 50.00

During the year 27,361 items were committed to the Collector. Recovery of exemptions amounting to $1,282.19 was effected under Section 5A of Chapter 59 of the General Laws.

Respectfully Submitted:

Roger N. Brown

Henry L. Rostoas

Norman D. MacDonald

Board of Assessors

ANNUAL REPORT
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CITY OF MELROSE

for the

Year Ending December 31st
1948

Organization of Board
Frederick A. Dunham, M.D., Chairman
Paul E. Troy, Atty., Edward L. Kelly, Members
Helen F. Adams, Agent

School Physicians

Thomas M. Hearne, M.D. Francis D. McCarthy, M.D.
Frederick A. Dunham, M.D.

Public Health Nurses

Johanna P. M. Versteeg, P.H.N., Supervisor
Genevieve Creeley, P.H.N.
Elsie M. Ashmead, R.N., School Nurse

Inspectors

Plumbing	Fred A. Young
Milk and Food	Harold R. Munro
Animals	Cornelius Thibeault, D.V.S.

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose 76, Mass.

Gentlemen:

We submit herewith a review of the health conditions in the city and a statement of the acts of the Board of Health for the year ending December 31, 1948.

CHANGES IN PERSONNEL -

At the beginning of the year Mr. Edward L. Kelly was appointed a member of the Board to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Ronald H. Winde whose resignation was regretfully accepted at the close of the year 1947 to accept the higher responsibility of Ward Alderman.

The city and the local board of health suffered a real loss upon the death of Dr. Albert E. Small on June 9, 1948. Dr. Small served as chairman of the board for ten years and, during his term of office, became an ardent student of public health and vital statistics, contributing much to the general improvement of health conditions in Melrose. Our city will long remember his faithful service and his loyal, conscientious, and untiring effort to maintain a local high standard of public health.

Dr. Frederick A. Dunham assumed the duties of chairman on July 21, 1948 following his appointment to the Board and subsequent election to that office.

During the late summer Dr. Francis D. McCarthy was appointed a school physician to fill a vacancy which had existed during the war years as a result of the shortage of medical personnel.

RECOMMENDATIONS -

We recommend that;-

(1) The need for a mass X-ray screening of the community has been long realized. Application to the District Health Office of the State Department of Public Health requesting this procedure has been made and it is expected that such a mass X-ray survey of Melrose will be made as soon as X-ray equipment and personnel is in turn available.

(2) A municipal laboratory for milk analysis and bacterial examinations is still urgently needed.

(3) The increasing number of mosquitoes in Melrose causes this nuisance to be one of our chief complaints. It

is strongly anticipated that necessary funds will be available to institute temporary control of this nuisance during the coming year. Such procedure should eliminate 80% of our present nuisance.

(4) Continued intensified rodent control is definitely recommended in view of the marked success in eliminating this health hazard and nuisance resulting from previous conducted rodent control measures.

(5) The introduction of new city ordinances governing the keeping of hens and horses is strongly encouraged.

SCHOOL HEALTH -

The school health program covers medical examinations and nursing in the eleven public and two parochial schools with an approximate population of 4,245 pupils. Dental health is under the school department.

The school medical examinations have been intensified and spaced which require more time of the school physicians and the increased attendance of parents present shows the appreciation of this new undertaking. The medical examinations are given to determine the child's physical status, his fitness to get the most out of his school education, his health needs and to provide a means of health education.

Upon completion of the physical examination, teacher-nurse conferences are held for the benefit of teacher, nurse and child.

A new hearing apparatus (puretone test) has been used which will detect about 15% more hearing defects. Some of these defects if corrected now will prevent deafness in later life.

Special teachers are giving these tests, with the P.H.N. doing the follow up visits to the homes and explaining the findings of the test.

A complete list of handicapped children (children with cerebral palsy, torticollis, history of rheumatic fever, cardiac, infantile paralysis deformities, vision and hearing, etc.) is kept at the Board of Health office and kept up to-date by the nurses through contacts with children and parents.

Every attempt is made, in the case of incorrectable defects, to make adjustments within the school in order to minimize such impairments.

SANITATION -

NUISANCES - Unclean premises, garbage strewn over yards, illegal dumping and disposal of garbage, presence of mosquitoes, and the keeping of hens and horses were the most frequent complaints. Constant vigilance is required to keep such nuisance complaints at a minimum.

BAKERIES - Our bakeries received the required semi-annual inspections, and objectionable practises were called to the owners attention. In a few instances, re-inspections have been necessary where definite corrective measures had to be instituted.

MILK - All milk sold in the city is pasteurized, thus protecting the community from the several milk borne diseases. All milk supplies continue to be of a high grade. One milk and one ice cream permit were suspended for insanitary condition of storage.

SODA FOUNTAINS - During the past year fountains have been placed under departmental regulations, sanitary inspection of restaurants, drug stores, and stores selling food and soft drinks consumed on the premises were made and in general found to meet standard requirements.

SEWERS - We have continued in our program to abolish cesspools whenever possible and force sewer connections in order to materially add to the sanitary conditions of the city.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

SCARLET FEVER -

There were fewer cases of scarlet fever reported to us in 1948 than for ten years. Over the past half century this disease has gradually lost its severe character. Now many cases are so mild that they are unrecognized by the family and so no doctor is called.

MEASLES -

We have had the average number of cases the past year. The disease is not one to be ignored and preventive serum should be used in the very young and debilitated.

WHOOPING COUGH -

We have had only 19 cases of whooping cough reported to us this year as compared to 56 in 1947. We have records of 231 infants and children immunized during the year, 52 being done by your Board of Health.

DIPHTHERIA -

One case of diphtheria was reported in a 60 year old mother. The source of the infection was not determined.

Our "first birthday" greeting cards continue to meet with a favorable response and are the means of having many immunizations reported to us which we would not otherwise receive.

	Under 1 Year	Total Number
Immunized by the board of health	35	213*
Immunized by private physicians	213	262
Booster doses by the board of health		15
Booster doses by private physicians		31

*This figure includes children immunized in the schools.

LOBAR PNEUMONIA -

The number of cases of pneumonia increased slightly over the preceding year but fortunately there were no deaths.

MUMPS -

An epidemic of mumps started suddenly the last of February, reached its peak in May with 309 cases and then rapidly subsided in July.

CHICKENPOX -

The state wide epidemic of chickenpox did not skip our city but gave us a total of 302 cases most of them in the month of May.

RABIES CONTROL -

The program for the control of rabies was held again this year as usual. 362 dogs were immunized which is a slight increase over last year but still not satisfactory so far as affording adequate protection to either the dogs or our citizens. The net cost to the city was .02½¢ or in other words the program was nearly self supporting. The total number of dogs licensed in the year was 1755.

TYPHOID FEVER -

One case of typhoid fever was reported during the year 1948. The source of infection was found to be in a carrier.

TUBERCULOSIS -

No.cases pul. T.B. on register Jan.1, 1948	73	
New cases	9	
Not reported till after death in State Hospitals	2	84
Moved into city		5
Total		89
Moved out of city	1	
Died (inc. two in State Hosp.)	5	
Placed on inactive list	0	13
No.cases on register Dec. 31, 1948		76
No. cases of other forms T.B.	4	
Died	2	
No. contacts to known cases	113	

The nurses made 152 home visits to 75 known or suspected cases of tuberculosis. They also made 163 visits to 113 contacts. Wherever necessary all of the suspects and contacts had a chest X-ray.

We have had an average of 6 patients per month in the County Sanatorium with a total of 2058 patient days. The gross cost to the city including the County tax for care at the County Sanatorium was $55.66 per week. If we deduct $1988.89 for subsidy and reimbursements we have a net weekly cost of $48.00.

The average age of the new cases was 38. The average age at death was 36 years. The oldest being 71 years and the youngest 2 years.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. Durham M.D. Board of

Paul E. Hoy Health of

Edward L. Kelly Melrose

TABLE I

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	1948	Totals 1948	1947	Totals 1947
Total Appropriation		$25,555.00		$26,160.00
EXPENDITURES				
Salaries & Wages		$18,058.74		$16,960.00
Chairman	$2,017.14		$2,150.00	
Board Members	112.61		120.00	
Clerk	2,175.00		2,050.00	
Substitute Clerk	75.00		50.00	
School Physicians	1,144.00		1,200.00	
Pub.Health & School Nurses	6,950.00		6,650.00	
Inspector of Animals	675.00		650.00	
Inspector of Milk & Food	2,759.99		1,990.00	
Inspector of Plumbing	2,150.00		2,100.00	
Other Expenses		1,373.92		1,372.49
Telephone	111.66		109.33	
Car Maintenance-Plumbing Insp.	165.71		169.07	
Car Allowance-Public Health Work @ .08¢ per mile	779.90		646.00	
Postage & Express	61.67		63.87	
Office Supplies	99.73		197.00	
Sundries	155.25		187.22	
Tuberculosis		4,189.50		3,938.23
Outside Aid	379.50		336.78	
Board & Supplies in Hospitals	3,810.00		3,501.45	
Sundries			100.00	
Quarantine & Contagious Disease		723.39		784.48
Board & Supplies in Hospitals	237.50		556.89	
Ambulance			8.00	
Sundries & Service Transfer	485.89		219.59	
Care & Disposal of Stray Animals		377.62		262.38
Immunization of Dogs		189.11		197.69
Total Expenditures		$24,913.98		$23,515.27
Revenues of Board of Health*		$ 2,388.40		$ 6,241.88
Licenses & Permits	179.50		170.00	
Reimbursements	2,027.90		5,891.38	
Dog Clinic	181.00		180.50	
*Not available for use				
County Tax		13,278.21		14,344.76

TABLE II

DEATHS IN MELROSE (INCLUDING MELROSE HOSPITAL) CLASSIFIED AS TO CAUSE

		MALES	FEMALES
I	Infectious and Parasitic Diseases	1	2
II	Cancer & Other Tumors	24	37
III	Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition & of the Endocrine Glands. Other Gen. Diseases & Avitaminoses	2	1
IV	Diseases of the Blood & Blood-forming Organs	0	0
VI	Diseases of the Nervous System & Sense Organs	23	25
VII	Diseases of the Circulatory System	61	63
VIII	Diseases of the Respiratory System	7	9
IX	Diseases of the Digestive System	6	5
X	Diseases of the Genito-urinary System	3	3
XII	Diseases of the Skin & Cellular Tissue	1	0
XIV	Congenital Malformations	3	2
XV	Diseases Peculiar to the First Year of Life	2	4
XVI	Senility	0	2
XVII	Violent or Accidental Deaths	13	11
XVIII	Ill-defined & Unknown Causes	8	3

There were 13 stillbirths in 1948 in Melrose

Deaths of all persons in Melrose (exclusive of stillbirths): Males....154; Females...167; Total....321

There were 4 stillbirths to Melrose residents in 1948

Deaths of all Melrose residents (exclusive of stillbirths): Males.....134; Females...152; Total....286

Of these deaths, children under one year..... 8
Persons over sixty five years.....169

TABLE III

INFANT MORTALITY TO ALL MELROSE PARENTS

Year	Live Births	Deaths of Infants under one year	Infant mortality per 1000 Live Births
1943	445	16	36.0
1944	425	8	18.8
1945	447	13	28.3
1946	495	8	16.1
1947	540	13	23.5
5 year average			24.5
1948	497*	8	16.1

Children born in Melrose to Melrose parents.....315
(Including 3 stillbirths)
Children born elsewhere to Melrose parents.....215
(Including 1 stillbirth)
Children born in Melrose to non-residents.....426
(Including 10 stillbirths)
Total (Including stillbirths).....956
*Provisional figures

ESTIMATED POPULATION JULY 1, 1948 - 27,761

	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
Apparent death rate per 1,000 population	12.3	10.	9.9	10.2	10.1	11.5
*Corrected death rate per 1,000 population	12.2	11.3	10.6	11.4	11.4	10.2

*Eliminate deaths of non-residents and add deaths of residents dying elsewhere.

TABLE IV

INFANT MORTALITY FOR MELROSE RESIDENTS

Class No.			AGES												
			Under 1 yr.	Under 1 mo.	Under 1 dy.	1-2 dys.	2-3 dys.	3 dys. to 1 wk.	1-2 wks.	2-3 wks.	3 wks. to 1 mo.	1-2 mos.	2-3 mos.	3-6 mos.	6-9 mos.	9-12 mos.
109	Pneumonia Unspecified	M	1												1	
		F														
159	Premature Births	M	2	2	1	1										
		F	1	1	1											
160	Injury at Birth	M	1	1	1											
		F	1	1		1										
161	Other Diseases Peculiar to Early Infancy	M														
		F	1	1	1											
182	Suffo-cation	M	1										1			
		F														
	Total		8	6	4	2							1		1	

TABLE V

CASES & DEATHS OF CERTAIN DISEASES FOR TEN YEARS

	Diphtheria		Scarlet Fever		Typhoid Fever		Measles		Lober Pneumonia		Polio myelitis		Whooping Cough		Tuberculosis Pul. & Miliary		Tuberculosis Meningeal		Tuberculosis Other Forms	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
1939	1	0	29	0	1	1	62	0	68	9	1	0	33	0	6	6	1	1	2	1
1940	1	0	22	0	0	0	39	0	61	3	0	0	52	0	12	4	1	1	2	0
1941	0	0	65	0	0	0	174	0	37	6	4	0	51	0	9	4	0	0	0	1
1942	0	0	58	0	0	0	157	0	45	6	0	0	12	0	13	2	0	0	2	0
1943	4	0	67	0	0	0	396	0	23	6	1	0	43	0	7	6	0	0	0	1
1944	1	0	99	0	1	0	251	0	25	7	2	0	6	0	10	5	0	0	1	0
1945	3	0	94	0	0	0	17	0	6	0	2	0	38	0	10	8	0	0	1	1
1946	1	0	23	0	0	0	231	0	12	2	0	0	39	0	8	8	0	0	0	0
1947	1	0	11	0	0	0	146	1	9	2	1	0	56	0	5	4	1	0	0	0
1948	1	0	9	0	1	0	166	0	12	0	1	0	19	0	9	5	0	0	1	2

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF NURSING

Board of Health,
Melrose 76, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Following is a summary of the nursing report for the year 1948.

The objective is to provide and conduct a public health nursing service; to promote the health of the individual and family in the community; to teach the principles of health, hygiene and sanitation and to apply the functions of public health nursing in the prevention of diseases.

IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM -

Clinics are held every last Tuesday of the month. Babies andpre-school children are referred for immunization by the Red Cross Nursing Service. Dr. Frederick A. Dunham, Chairman of the Board of Health administered 220 inoculations assisted by the public health nurses. Volunteers assisted with the registrations.

52 babies and children were immunized for Whooping Cough and diphtheria.
19 babies and children were immunized for diphtheria.
15 babies and children were given a booster injection.
103 children of the first and second grades of the public schools were immunized for diphtheria.
31 children of the first and second grades of the parochialschool were immunized for diphtheria by Dr. J. H. Fay.

Diphtheria has been practically eliminated from Melrose due to nearly 100% protection by immunizations.

Because diphtheria is most dangerous to children under five years of age, they should be protected before their first birthday and have a booster dose at the age of four.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL -

The nurses made 160 home visits to 150 cases with communicable diseases as compared with 245 visits to 230 cases in 1947.

The family is instructed in the control and the home care of the patient. The nurse assists the physician in establishing isolation and quarantine. Literature is left at the home.

TUBERCULOSIS -

152 home visits to 65 tuberculosis cases.
163 home visits to 113 contacts of which 67 were X-rayed.
10 home visits to 10 suspects of which 9 were X-rayed.

The Red-Cross-Chapter furnished transportations for 16 patients and the local Tuberculosis Association for 4 patients.

Approximately $150.00 was spent for tuberculosis patientsby the local Tuberculosis Association during 1948.

CHILD HEALTH PROGRAM -

The public health nurses visited the homes of new born babies and pre-school children for instruction, guidance and demonstration baths. Parents are reminded to take their babies regularly to their family physician or clinic for supervision. Health supervision is especially important during the early years, to lay a sound foundation for future physical health and emotional stability.

523 visits to 248 babies and pre-school children were made by the public health nurses during 1948.

8 boarding homes for children under 14 years of age have been inspected.

SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM -

School nursing is rendered in 11 public schools and 2 parochial schools with an approximate school population of 4,245.

The nurses assisted the school physicians with 1,538 physical examinations and 89 special examinations. 189 parents of the pupils in the first grades were present.

The physical examinations are to determine the school child's physical status and his health needs. These examinations are in no way a substitute for the regular examination by the family physician.

16 students at St. Mary's High School completed the course in Home Nursing, taught by Miss Johanna Versteeg, P.H.N.

During 1948 the nurses made:

Visits to schools	1108
Classroom inspections	4322
Individual inspections	23050
Interviews with teachers	3780
Teacher-nurse conferences	8
Home visits to pupils	871
P.T.A. Meetings attended	3
Pupils tested for vision at St.Mary's	26
Pupils tested for hearing at St.Mary's	231

Testing for vision and hearing in the public schools is done by Special Teachers. Financial aid for the correction of defects was obtained from the Salvation Army, the Ames Fund (Red Cross) and the Lyons Club.

DISTRIBUTION OF VISITS -

1,295 homes were visited as compared to 1,546 in 1947.

	1948		1947	
	Visits	Cases	Visits	Cases
Maternity	52	32	76	51
Non-communicable	14	9	20	13
Communicable	197	158	282	236
Tuberculosis and Contacts	325	180	332	233
Child-Hygiene	523	248	526	294
School-Home Visits	871	374	902	415
Miscellaneous	117		232	8
Total	2099	1011	2370	1250

CONFERENCES -

Conferences were held with the following:

District Health Office:
- Miss Aura E. Kepler, Nursing Consultant.
- Miss Katherine Lepper, Orthopedic Consultant.
- Miss McDonald re: handicapped children.
- Mrs. Hedwig M. Sorli re: demonstration of Puretone Audiometer.

Tuberculosis:
- Mr. Charles Adams, Local Tuberculosis Association.
- Mrs. Jessie Bowers, Middlesex County Sanatorium.
- Mrs. Christine Burrage, Middlesex County Sanatorium.
- Miss Mary E. Leonard, Education Department, Southern Middlesex.

CONFERENCES - (Continued)

School Health:
Mr.Natt Burbank, Superintendent of Schools.
Mr.Howard Wilder, Principal, High School
Reverend Mother Alice, Principal, St.Mary's.
Miss Marion Remon, Director of Elementary Education.
Miss Alberta Wilson, National Organization for Public Health Nursing.
Mr. Wagner, Massachusetts Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

General:
Miss Haley, Melrose Hospital
Miss Pearson, Melrose Hospital
Mrs.Marion Kant, Red-Cross V.N.A.
Mr.Samuel Eldredge, Secretary, Red-Cross re: transportation.
Mr.Hiram Sibley, Greater Boston Community Council.

MEETINGS -

Meetings attended:

Red Cross Nursing Service (monthly).
Salvation Army.
Greater-Boston-Community Council.
Massachusetts Safety Council.
American Public Health Association (2 days in Boston).
Massachusetts Public Health Association (3 days in Amherst).

LECTURES -

Five lectures on Public Health Nursing were given to classes of student nurses at the Melrose Hospital and the New England Sanatorium by Miss Johanna Versteeg, P.H.N.

RECOMMENDATIONS -

1. To review program and evaluate service.
2. Better health for our school children through the combined efforts of the school authorities and the board of health.
3. A chest X-ray for every citizen in Melrose through a community program.
4. Active participation in local health councils and community undertakings.
5. Community education in reference to rheumatic fever, mumps and measles and providing efficient follow-up.
6. More intensive publicity through lectures, radio, and newspapers.

Respectfully submitted,

Johanna P. M. Versteeg

Johanna P. M. Versteeg, P.H.N.
Supervisor of Nursing.

REPORT ON THE INSPECTION OF MILK

To the Board of Health,
City of Melrose 76, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Inspector of Milk herewith respectfully submits his annual report for the year 1948:

INSPECTION:

Pasteurizing Plants	31
Dairies within city limits	2
Ice Cream Plants	11

SAMPLES COLLECTED:

Market Milk	123
Grade "A" Milk	45
Homogenized Milk	49
Special Grades	26
Stores	23
Raw Milk to Pasteurizing Plants	8
Cream	6
Ice Cream	18

LABORATORY REPORT:

Chemical analysis of milk and cream (found below standard, 2)	271
Bacteriological examination of milk and cream (found above legal standard, 5)	278
Phosphatase test (positive tests, 2)	87
Bacteriological examination of ice cream	18

DAILY RETAIL SALES MILK PRODUCTS
(Dealers Declaration)

Pasteurized Milk	16,800 qts.
Certified Pasteurized Milk	8 qts.
Cream	715 qts.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Milk and Oleomargerine, stores and dealers	152
Pasteurizing Plants	2
Ice Cream Manufacturing permits	2
Ice Cream Sales Permits	97

AVERAGES FOR THE YEAR 1948

GRADE "A" MILK

Dealer	Milk Fat	Plate Count
State Standard	4.00	10,000
Bucci, Amelia	4.60	1,400
Cummings, B. L.	4.15	1,600
Hood, H. P. & Sons	4.20	950
Kiley Farm	4.43	1,700
Lyndonville Creamery (Speedwell)	4.46	900
McAdams, J. F. & Bros	4.10	2,000
Parker, J. E.	4.20	900
Potts & Harding	4.32	2,800
Prescott, J. B.	4.32	2,100
Seven Oaks Dairy	4.15	1,000
Spear, C. W.	3.80	3,500
Sunnyhurst Dairy, Inc	4.11	5,400
Whiting Milk Co	4.40	900

GEOMETRICAL AVERAGES FOR THE YEAR 1948

MARKET MILK AND SPECIAL GRADES

Dealer	Milk Fat	Plate Count
State Standard	3.35	40,000
Market:		
Black, J. C.	3.80	23,000
Brennan, Horace	3.89	4,300
Buttrick, David	4.20	1,900
Bucci, Amelia	3.92	1,700
Cherry Valley Dairy	3.77	2,100
Cummings, B. L., Inc	3.87	3,300
Fallon, W. J. & Sons	3.80	13,000
Hanley & Son	3.92	3,100
Herlihy Bros., Inc	3.73	1,700
Hood, H. P. & Sons, Inc	4.03	1,000
Howard Farm	3.92	4,900
Kiley Farm	3.96	4,800
Lyndonville Creamery (Speedwell)	3.90	2,000
McAdams, J. F. & Bros	3.90	4,600
Parker, J. E.	3.80	26,000
Potts & Harding	3.90	7,800
Prescott, J. B. Co	3.95	2,500
Quinn Farm Dairy	3.84	3,500
Seven Oaks Dairy	4.30	950
Simmons, Charles L.	3.81	4,400
Spear, Clinton W.	4.15	1,400
Sunnyhurst Dairy, Inc	3.70	4,000
United Farmers of New England	3.80	3,600
Weiss Farm	3.73	680
Whiting Milk Co	3.91	1,200
Homogenized:		
Brennan, Horace	3.90	12,500
Buttrick, David	4.37	1,900
Cherry Valley Dairy	3.78	9,500
Deerfoot Farms Milk Co	3.90	800
Hood, H. P. & Sons, Inc	3.95	1,100
Fallon, W. J. & Sons	3.80	14,000
Lyndonville Creamery (Speedwell)	4.00	1,600
McAdams, J. F. & Bros	3.80	2,500
Prescott, J. B. Co	4.04	4,300
Simmons, Charles L.	3.97	15,000
Spear, C. W.	4.17	9,000
Sunnyhurst Dairy, Inc	3.80	14,000
United Farmers of New England	3.97	1,400
Weiss Farm	3.80	2,400
Whiting Milk Co	4.02	1,400
Special Grades:		
Deerfoot Farms (Golden Guernsey)	4.50	600
Hood, H. P. & Sons (Mod. Vit. D)	4.05	650
McAdams, J. F. & Bros. (Cream Top)	4.15	1,600
Prescott, J. B. Co. (Sun Ray)	3.85	2,500
Simmons, Charles L. (Select)	3.86	6,300
Sunnyhurst Dairy, Inc. (Baby Face)	3.82	2,200
Hood, H. P. & Sons (Golden Crest)	4.10	700
Store Milk:		
First National Stores	3.96	2,000
Hood, H. P. & Sons, Inc	3.80	3,000
United Farmers of New England	3.80	3,200
Whiting Milk Co	3.78	2,700

Respectfully submitted,

Harold R Munro

Inspector of Milk.

REPORT ON THE INSPECTION OF FOOD AND SANITATION

To the Board of Health,
City of Melrose 76, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Inspector of Food and Sanitation herewith respectfully submits his annual report for the year 1948:

INSPECTIONS:

Common Victuallers	161
Stores-Lord's Day and Food	193
Stores-Drug	46
Bakeries	37
Complaints investigated	59
Bacteriological examination of eating utensils (Common Vict) (found above 100 plate count...56)	188
Bacteriological examination of eating utensils (Soda Fount.) (found above 100 plate count... 9)	51

Foods Condemned as Unfit for Human Consumption:

Fruits and vegetables	71 lbs.
Walnut meats	10 lbs.
Flour	160 lbs.
Corn starch	450 lbs.
Pastry	36,000 units (oil damage)
Candy bars	1,368 (fire damage)
Eggs	27 doz. (fire damage)
Butter	30 lbs. (" ")
Ice cream	25 gals.(" ")
Cheese	10 lbs. (" ")
Package foods-miscel.	1,322 (fire damage)

AVERAGE FOR THE YEAR 1948

COMMON VICTUALLERS LICENSES

	Bacterial Count		Scoring
	Glasses & Dishes	Silverware	Grade
Federal Standard (not over)	100	100	
Ann's Food Shop (Fallon)	78	34	94.5
Butlers Candies, Inc.	139	12	80.5
Colonial Restaurant	103	26	77.7
Colstone Foods, Inc.	72	41	82.0
Emerson Grille	80	24	73.0
Wyoming Lunch	62	30	92.0
Handy Coffee Shop	62	30	96.0
Kelley, William	108	168	75.5
Hipson, Leslie B.	99	34	94.5
Hopkins (McLaughlin)	62	17	95.0
Johnson's Dairy Bar	84	83	85.0
Landozi, Lawrence	331	22	80.0
The Lobster Shop	95	63	95.0
Melrose Donut Shop	175	70	81.5
Mt. Hood Golf Club	96	69	94.5
Pine Banks Tourist Camp	520	10	79.5
Regent Delicatessen	121	49	76.5
Schopell's	287	64	75.3
Stearns & Hill, Inc.	80	44	93.7
Westhaver, John	105	41	75.3
Williams Restaurant	137	62	83.5
Woolworth, F. W.	69	91	95.5

AVERAGES FOR THE YEAR 1948

FOUNTAIN SERVICE STORES

	Bacterial Count	
	Glasses & Dishes	Silverware
Federal Standard (not over)	100	100
Austins Pharmacy	95	10
Barcell, Louis	505	100
Bells Pharmacy	130	95
Berstons Pharmacy	87	42
Brighams Pharmacy	350	142
Emerson Drug	350	170
Franklin Spa	Paper Service	46
Grove Pharmacy	" "	80
Haslams Pharmacy	56	18
Hill & Co.	Paper Service	30
Milton's Pharmacy	133	55
York Pharmacy	70	85

Respectfully submitted,

Harold R Munro

Inspector of Food & Sanitation.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF PLUMBING

1948

Permits issued to do plumbing in new buildings	111
Permits issued to do plumbing in old buildings	231
Number of permits, work approved	267
Number of permits, work not completed December 31, 1948	83
Number of new plumbing fixtures installed	1259
Number of visits of inspection	554
Number of water tests	122
Number of new buildings connected to sewer	109
Number of new buildings connected to cesspools	17
Number of old buildings connected to sewer	23
Number of dwellings in city (including business buildings with living quarters connected to sewer	5729
Number of dwellings in city not connected to sewer	472

Respectfully submitted,

Fred A. Young

Fred A. Young,
Inspector of Plumbing.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

The Board of Health,
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

As Inspector of Animals for the City of Melrose, I herewith submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1948.

Thirty-seven (37) dogs were examined and quarantined for rabies observation as having inflicted injury by biting or scratching persons. There were no cases of rabies in the city this year.

Twenty-one (21) dogs were consigned to residents of Melrose from out of state without the proper health certificates required by law and said dogs were either quarantined or immunized for rabies as provided by that statute.

All barns housing cattle, horses, sheep, or goats were inspected and found to be in good condition.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Thibeault

C. Thibeault,
Inspector of Animals.

REPORT OF BUILDING COMMISSIONER

To his Honor, the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen

Gentlemen:

For the year 1948 there were Four Hundred and Ten (410) building permits issued by this department. The total value of permits issued amounts to One Million, One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand, Six Hundred and Sixteen ($1,124,616) Dollars. Building permits issued in the City of Melrose:

January 1, 1948, to December 31, 1948

Classification	No.	Cost
Single Dwellings	95	$ 680,000
Garages	29	20,350
Alterations to Dwellings	84	98,410
Other Alterations	25	48,000
Shingling	142	42,927
Fire Repairs	5	7,975
Public Works Garage	1	15,125
Gas Station	1	10,000
Addition to St. Mary's School	1	90,000
Addition to Franklin School	1	10,000
Demolition	7	300
Grandstand - Athletic Field	2	62,379
Assessory Buildings	2	400
Storage House	1	700
Four Apartment Dwelling	1	22,000
Foundations	2	1,300
Conversions:		
Duplex to Four Family	1	3,000
Duplex to Three Family	3	3,250
One to Two Family	6	8,000
Three to Four Family	1	500
	410 Permits	$1,124,616

Respectfully submitted,

Malcolm G. Fellman
Building Commissioner

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

CITY OF MELROSE
CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Mayor
and Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Cemetery Committee hereby submits its Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1948.

The activities in this department during the past year consisted mainly of the usual routine of making interments, building foundations for memorial stones, repairing sunken graves, trimming trees and shrubbery, cutting grass and maintaining the grounds. Considerable work has been done on old lots, such as reseeding, regrading and replenishing worn-out soil.

The new power mower purchased in the spring has given good service, but as the old machine has been retired as worn out we will be obliged to replace it with a new one. We have included in our budget request an amount sufficient to purchase this machine.

A start has been made to repave the avenues which have been in a very deplorable condition, and about one quarter of a mile has been resurfaced with a modern bituminous concrete top. This work was done by the department with the cooperation of the Public Works division who loaned the necessary heavy machinery for the preliminary grading. All material was purchased under the Public Works yearly contract and the surface was laid and finished by a local contractor having the equipment and men experienced in doing this type of work. The result of this procedure has been very satisfactory, as the work has cost less than if the project had been let out by award following competitive bids. It is the intention to proceed with this work, doing a portion yearly as the funds in hand will permit, until all the avenues are completed.

The Committee is planning to advertise for bids for the erection of a much-needed office building. Plans for this structure are in hand and it is hoped to be able to occupy it before next winter.

The filling in of the pond has eliminated a very serious mosquito nuisance and this area will be grassed over during the year.

At the time the wall was built during the war years it was impossible to equip the three entrances with ornamental iron gates due to restrictions on iron. We have included in our budget request a sum sufficient to cover the cost of this work.

During the past year, through the untiring efforts of the superintendent, seven old lots have been put under perpetual care. In 1943 the Committee adopted the policy of hunting up the heirs of the

old lots not under perpetual care and seeking their cooperation. If the quoted price was more than the heirs felt like investing in the transaction, we invited them to make us an offer of the amount they could subscribe, which was approved by the Committee. This method has exceeded our expectations. During the past year seven lots have been added to those already under care, while the total since this policy was adopted has been sixty-seven. All money received from this source is deposited in the Perpetual Care Trust Fund.

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to the various city officers and departments who have willingly cooperated with us during the year just passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. J. McClintock.
Joseph Casey.
Cutting D King

March 1, 1949. The Cemetery Committee

DETAILS OF APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS AND EXPENDITURES
CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Year Ending December 31, 1948

Appropriations and Transfers:

Maintenance: Salaries & Wages:			
Appropriation	$22,887.07		
Refunds	61.00	$22,948.07	
Maintenance: Other Expenses:			
Appropriation	$ 4,500.00		
Refunds	902.00	5,402.00	
Holidays		667.04	
Road Repairs & Drain, Order 7404:			
Balance from 1947	$ 3,527.53		
Order 7982	3,000.00		
Refunds	27.00	6,554.53	
Pond Filling & Draining, Orders 7515, 7515-A:			
Balance from 1947		1,367.01	
Grave Liners		4,000.00	
			$40,938.65

Expenditures:

Maintenance: Salaries & Wages	$22,948.07	
Maintenance: Other Expenses	5,365.98	
Holidays	649.60	
Road Repairs & Drain, Order 7404	5,562.33	
Pond Filling & Draining, Orders 7515, 7515-A	875.02	
Grave Liners	2,441.60	
		37,842.60

Unexpended Balance:

To Revenue of 1948:			
Maintenance: Other Expenses	$ 36.02		
Holidays	17.44		
Grave Liners	1,558.40	$ 1,611.86	
To 1949:			
Road Repairs & Drain, Order 7404	$ 992.20		
Pond Filling & Draining, Order 7515, 7515-A.	491.99	1,484.19	3,096.05

CEMETERY TRUST FUND, INCOME ACCOUNT

Balance from 1947	$ 4,416.09	
Income, 1948	7,077.75	$11,493.84
Pay rolls	$ 6,435.58	
Bills	318.21	6,753.79
Balance to 1949		$ 4,740.05

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Receipts for Departmental Expenditures:

Appropriations and Transfers	$40,938.65	
Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account	11,493.84	
		$52,432.49

Departmental Expenditures:

From Appropriations and Transfers	$37,842.60	
From Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account	6,753.79	$44,596.39

Unexpended Balance:

To Revenue of 1948		1,611.86	
To 1949: Appropriation Accounts	$ 1,484.19		
Cemetery Trust Fund, Income A/c.	4,740.05	6,224.24	$52,432.49

Total Net Cash Receipts		$23,942.25	
Receipts, Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account, (Amount used for Pay rolls and Bills)		6,753.79	$30,696.04
Net Expenditures:	Appropriation Accounts	$30,442.25	
	Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account	6,753.79	37,196.04
Expenditures over Receipts			$ 6,500.00

CASH RECEIPTS

Interments			$ 4,555.00
Foundations			1,541.06
Sale of Lots:	Department	$ 4,629.00	
	City Collector	46.00	4,675.00
Sale of Graves			2,320.00
Perpetual Care:	Department	$ 6,974.00	
	City Collector	85.00	7,059.00
Annual Care			455.19
Miscellaneous			617.00
Grave Liners			2,720.00
Total Net Cash Receipts for 1948			$23,942.25

To the Cemetery Committee,
Melrose,
Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

The following is the report of the Superintendent of Wyoming Cemetery for the year ending December 31, 1948:

Interments:

Adults	222
Children, 12 years or under	24
Cremated remains	12
Total for 1948	258
Total number to January 1, 1949	14,695

Sale of Lots:

Sold during the year	25
Total number sold to January 1, 1949	2,486

Sale of Graves:

Sold during the year	94
Total number sold to January 1, 1949	4,102
Number of Lots under Perpetual Care	1,734
Number of Single Graves under Perpetual Care	2,565
Number of Lots available for sale January 1, 1949, Regular, Section D, H and 2	122
Number of Lots available for sale January 1, 1949, in Section 4	82
Old Lots placed in Perpetual Care	7

Respectfully submitted,

Howard O. Milton.
Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE CITY AUDITOR

To His Honor, the Mayor and the Honorable Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:

I submit, herewith, the Annual Report of the City Auditor for the Year ended December 31, 1948.

I have examined the several Trust Funds of the Treasurer-Collector as custodian and the Trust Funds of the Trustees of the Public Library as custodians together with all securities, coupons and Savings Bank Books. All income for the year was properly accounted for and all expenditures were properly supported by vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Donovan

City Auditor

FINANCES

The Assessed Valuation of the City, January 1,1948 was:		
Real Estate		$37,698,600.00
Personal Property		3,365,750.00
Total		41,064,350.00
Increase in valuation from January 1,1947 to January 1,1948		$1,079,900.00
Number of Dwellings January 1,1948		5,977
Number of Polls January 1,1948		9,015
Population January 1,1948		27,754
Rate of Taxation for each $1000.00 of vaulation January 1,1948		$42.00
Appropriations:		
City Budget	$2,037,297.86	
Revenue Orders	199,070.28	2,236,368.14
County Tax	68,879.51	
County Tuberculosis Hospital Tax	14,344.76	
Charles River Basin Tax	3,580.57	
Metropolitan Park Tax	11,200.97	
Metropolitan Sewer Tax	43,562.89	
Metropolitan Water Tax	24,445.04	
Smoke Inspection Service Tax	483.60	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts Tax	1,624.72	
State Examination of Retirement System Tax	138.50	168,260.56
Overlays for Abatements 1941-5	56.00	
Overlays for Abatements 1947	1,097.11	
Overlays for Abatements 1948	18,248.39	19,401.50
State Underestimates 1947		5,045.32
		$2,429,075.52
Less:		
Estimated Receipts:		
Income Taxes	$170,635.83	
Corporation Taxes	127,358.03	
Old Age Assistance Tax (Meal)	5,917.95	
City Accounts	371,761.81	
	675,673.62	
State Overestimates 1947	10,669.20	686,342.82
Amount to be raised by taxation		1,742,732.70
To be raised as follows:		
9015 Polls at $2.00 each	18,030.00	
Personal Property Taxes-Valuation $3,365,750.00 at $42.00	141,361.50	
Real Estate Taxes-Valuation $37,698,600.00 at $42.00	1,583,341.20	1,742,732.70

SCHEDULE OF BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Purpose of Issue	Outstanding Jan. 1,1948	Amount issued 1948	Paid 1948	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1948
Sewer	$14,000.00	NONE	$14,000.00	NONE

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1948

REVENUE ACCOUNTS

ASSETS			LIABILITIES		
Revenue Cash		$644,289.13	Petty Cash:		
			Treasurer-Collector	$150.00	
Reserve-Petty Cash		160.00	Cemetery Department	10.00	$160.00
			Tailings Account		108.70
Taxes:			Overlays for Abatements		772.99
Poll, Personal and Real Estate-1947	$954.17		Revenue Reserved:		
Poll, Personal and Real Estate-1948	58,587.17	59,541.34	Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons	110.18	
			Motor Vehicle Excise	4,141.97	
Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons		110.18	Tax Titles and City Possessions	28,854.35	
			Special Assessments	281.88	
Motor Vehicle Excise 1947	332.54		Committed Interest	55.09	
1948	3,809.43	4,141.97	Departmental Accounts Receivable	14,020.19	
			Water Rates	18,524.35	65,988.01
Water Rates		18,524.35	Tax Titles Possession Fund		24,084.20
			Sale of City Property		1,000.00
Assessments Added to Taxes:			Overlay Surplus		58,225.92
Sewer	153.29		County Dog Tax		15.60
Sidewalk	97.48		County Overestimate:		
Street	31.11	281.88	County Tuberculosis Hospital Tax		1,066.55
			Trust Funds Income Accounts (In City Cash)		6,591.04
Committed Assessments Interest		55.09	Post War Rehabilitation Fund (In City Cash)		2,900.00
			Mt. Hood Memorial Park Receipts		37,298.76
			Police Ambulance Fund		521.60
Tax Titles		1,543.70	Library-Fines Account		1,480.52
			Unidentified Receipts		18.20
Tax Titles Possessions		27,310.65	Parking Meter Receipts		1,965.33
Accounts Receivable-Departmental		14,020.19	Deposits Accounts:		
State and County Underestimates:			Private Sewers	5,690.00	
County Tax	4,714.47		Individual Walks	3,806.00	
Charles River Basin Tax	1,929.00		Water-Inside Services	3,840.00	
Metropolitan Park Tax	2,523.74		Sale of Tax Titles Possessions	230.00	
Metropolitan Sewer Tax	5,208.97		Guaranty-Contracts	1,000.00	14,566.00
Smoke Inspection Service Tax	8.04	13,484.22	Unexpended Balances		427,127.05
			Surplus Revenue		139,572.23
		783,462.70			783,462.70

BALANCE SHEET- DECEMBER 31, 1948 (CONT'D)

ASSETS				LIABILITIES	
DEFERRED ASSESSMENTS					
Sewer Assessments due 1949-1960	$23,863.83				
Sidewalk Assessments due 1949-1957	8,306.80				
Street Assessments due 1949-1957	3,327.99	$35,498.62	Apportioned Assessments - Not Due		$35,498.62
TRUST ACCOUNTS					
Cemetery Sale of Lots and Graves Account	46,942.76				
Post War Rehabilitation Account	10,057.30	57,000.06	Deposited in Savings Banks		57,000.06
TRUST FUNDS					
John C. Slayton Organ Fund (Mem. Bldg.)	10,000.00				
A. C. Marie Currier Fund (Welfare)	24,613.39				
Andrew J. Burnett Memorial Fund (Welfare)	2,000.00				
Geo. Emerson Fund (Welfare)	3,309.71				
Community Civics Fund (School)	50.00				
Levi S. Gould Fund (School)	1,000.00				
Norman F. Hesseltine Fund (School)	100.00				
Sarah E. Fitch Fund (School)	719.91				
M. B. Wing Memorial Fund (School)	194.34				
Wm. E. Bailey Fund (Library)	2,500.00				
Wm. E. Barrett Fund (Library)	75.00				
Horatio N. Perkins Fund (Library)	500.00				
Sarah A. Chever Fund (Library)	633.02				
Jubez Dyer Fund (Library)	1,130.25				
Sarah E. Odlin Fund (Library)	2,330.25				
Sarah E. Choever Fund (Park)	1,500.00				
Perpetual Care Fund (Cemetery)	214,473.52		Investments:		
Samuel McDaniels Fund (Cemetery)	100.00		Securities	$234,671.00	
Flower Fund (Cemetery)	2,419.25		Deposited in Banks	60,085.14	
100th Anniversary Fund	107.50	294,756.14			294,756.14
TRUST FUND INCOME ACCOUNTS					
John C. F. Slayton Organ Fund (Mem. Bldg.)	3,461.07				
A. C. Marie Currier Fund (Welfare)	5.51				
Perpetual Care Fund (Cemetery)	756.25	4,222.83	Deposited in Banks		4,222.83

	Budget Appropriations	Revenue Orders	Credit Transfers	Balance from Prev. Yrs. & Receipts	Total Credits	Expended	Debit Transfers	Total Debits	Balance to Revenue 1948	Balance to 1949
GENERAL GOVERNMENT										
Centributory Retirement System		$22,774.89			$22,774.89	$22,774.89		$22,774.89		
Aldermen:										
Salaries & Wages	$1,575.00				1,575.00	1,575.00		1,575.00		
Other Expenses	2,650.00		$75.00		2,725.00	2,444.07	$248.00	2,692.07	$32.93	
Mayor:										
Salaries & Wages	5,604.67				5,604.67	5,584.67		5,584.67	20.00	
Other Expenses	400.00		200.00		600.00	595.10		595.10	4.90	
Employment Special Counsel-Gas Rate Increase			1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00		1,200.00		
Auditor:										
Salaries & Wages	7,711.01				7,711.01	7,694.00		7,694.00	17.01	
Other Expenses	450.00				450.00	447.44		447.44	2.56	
Treasurer-Collector:										
Salaries & Wages	14,231.67				14,231.67	14,175.83		14,175.83	55.84	
Other Expenses	3,700.00		850.00		4,550.00	4,542.05		4,542.05	7.95	
Land Court Procedure	75.00				75.00	16.32	50.00	66.32	8.68	
Certification of Bonds	200.00				200.00	156.59		156.59	43.41	
Tax Proportion Statements			75.00		75.00	47.04		47.04	27.96	
Parking Meter Maintenance			1,175.00		1,175.00	1,167.00		1,167.00	8.00	
Assessors:										
Salaries & Wages	10,431.84				10,431.84	10,307.83	100.00	10,407.83	24.01	
Other Expenses	2,487.88		100.00		2,587.88	2,587.03		2,587.03	.85	
City Clerk:										
Salaries & Wages	9,855.67				9,855.67	9,855.67		9,855.67		
Other Expenses	825.00				825.00	772.08		772.08	52.92	
Vital Statistics	575.00				575.00	266.32	241.50	507.82	67.18	

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City Physician:										
Salaries & Wages	$2,200.00				$2,200.00	$2,200.00		$2,200.00		
Other Expenses	75.00				75.00	71.91		71.91	$3.09	
City Solicitor:										
Salaries & Wages	3,425.00				3,425.00	3,425.00		3,425.00		
Other Expenses	500.00				500.00	103.00		103.00	397.00	
Suits and Claims	300.00				300.00	145.60		145.60	154.40	
Election & Registration:										
Salaries & Wages	8,315.00				8,315.00	8,131.27		8,131.27	183.73	
Other Expenses	4,975.00				4,975.00	4,883.08		4,883.08	91.92	
Special Election-School Construction Loan			$2,400.00		2,400.00	2,176.31		2,176.31	223.69	
Planning Board:										
Other Expenses	100.00				100.00				100.00	
Fees for Consultants and Experts				$748.60	748.60				748.60	
½ Cost Master Plan of Melrose				1,500.00	1,500.00	337.00		337.00	1,163.00	
Board of Appeal:										
Salaries & Wages	250.00				250.00	250.00		250.00		
Other Expenses	300.00				300.00	109.24		109.24	190.76	
Property Valuation Bd.:										
Other Expenses			600.00	1,241.05	1,841.05	647.17		647.17		1,193.88
Fence Viewers:										
Other Expenses	15.00				15.00				15.00	

	Budget Appropriations	Revenue Orders	Credit Transfers	Balance from Prev. Yrs. & Receipts	Total Credits	Expended	Debit Transfers	Total Debits	Balance to Revenue 1948	Balance to 1949
Public Works:										
Salaries & Wages	$18,410.00		$250.00		$18,660.00	$17,445.85		$17,445.85	$1,214.15	
Other Expenses	950.00				950.00	929.85		929.85	20.15	
Vacations	7,684.00		400.00		8,084.00	7,777.78		7,777.78	306.22	
Holidays	5,600.00		247.25		5,847.25	5,847.25		5,347.25		
City Yd. Salaries and Wages	2,300.00				2,300.00	2,169.73	$100.00	2,269.73	30.27	
City Yd. Improvements	2,000.00		2,000.00		4,000.00	3,992.37		3,992.37	7.63	
City Yd. Garage Addition			10,500.00	$15,784.91	26,284.91	26,191.46		26,191.46		$93.45
New Equipment	20,100.00				20,100.00	16,716.65	3,162.50	19,879.15	220.85	
Traffic Survey		$250.00			250.00	165.57		165.57	84.43	
Overhead Expense	2,000.00				2,000.00	836.01	679.62	1,515.63	484.37	
Sick Leave	4,000.00		3,700.00		7,700.00	7,700.00		7,700.00		
Parking Meter Maintenance			840.00		840.00	481.80		481.80	358.20	
Engineers:										
Salaries & Wages	9,311.00				9,311.00	7,352.18	1,200.00	8,552.18	758.82	
Other Expenses	1,100.00				1,100.00	840.23		840.23	259.77	
City Hall:										
Salaries & Wages	5,147.00				5,147.00	5,037.93	100.00	5,137.93	9.07	
Other Expenses	7,000.00		60.00		7,060.00	5,984.84	429.50	6,414.34	645.66	
Install Counter-Building Dept. Office				400.00	400.00	384.12		384.12	15.88	
Memorial Building:										
Salaries & Wages	4,396.00		600.00		4,996.00	4,731.16		4,731.16	264.84	
Other Expenses	3,890.00				3,890.00	2,993.16	600.00	3,593.16	296.84	
Repair and Restore Fire Loss				4,244.06	4,244.06	1,255.04	2,989.02	4,244.06		
Repairs and Improvements			17,713.20		17,713.20	16,318.29		16,318.29		1,394.91
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	175,115.74	23,024.89	42,985.45	23,913.62	265,044.70	243,839.78	9,900.14	253,739.92	8,622.54	2,682.24

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PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY										
Police Department:										
Salaries & Wages	$131,861.09				$131,861.09	$109,239.49	$1,685.00	$110,924.49	$20,936.60	
Other Expenses	1,200.00		$350.00		1,550.00	1,528.42		1,528.42	21.58	
Equipment and Repairs	2,500.00		850.00		3,350.00	3,331.38		3,331.38	18.62	
Teletype Fund	550.00				550.00	541.03		541.03	8.97	
Salary for Mechanician	400.00				400.00	400.00		400.00		
Finger Printing Equipment	500.00				500.00	496.54		496.54	3.46	
Moter Vehicle Insurance	225.00				225.00	168.98		168.98	56.02	
Maintain Radio Equipment	500.00				500.00	482.95		482.95	17.05	
Purchase Two Cruising Cars	1,500.00				1,500.00	1,410.00		1,410.00	90.00	
Purchase Loud Speaker	198.00				198.00	177.50		177.50	20.50	
Purchase 18 New Lockers			432.00		432.00	432.00		432.00		
Parking Meter Maintenance			2,050.00		2,050.00	1,190.73		1,190.73	859.27	
Fire Department:										
Salaries & Wages	140,595.00	$1,367.70			141,962.70	139,854.56	1,069.71	140,924.27	1,038.43	
Other Expenses	2,200.00		400.00		2,600.00	2,430.32		2,430.32	169.68	
Equipment & Repairs	3,500.00		500.00		4,000.00	3,819.30		3,819.30	180.70	
Repairs to Buildings	2,000.00				2,000.00	1,406.89	400.00	1,806.89	193.11	
Fuel and Light	2,600.00		500.00		3,100.00	3,093.64		3,093.64	6.36	
Rental of Hydrants	10,100.00				10,100.00	10.100.00		10,100.00		
New Hose	1,600.00		400.00		2,000.00	1,994.00		1,994.00	6.00	
Hose Drying Apparatus	525.00				525.00	376.44		376.44	148.56	
Out of State Fire Schools	150.00				150.00	12.77		12.77	137.23	
Building Department:										
Salaries & Wages	4,733.34	325.00			5,058.34	4,931.40	100.00	5,031.40	26.94	

	Budget Appropriations	Revenue Orders	Credit Transfer	Balance from Prev. Yrs. & Receipts	Total Credits	Expended	Debit Transfers	Total Debits	Balance to Revenue 1948	Balance to 1949
Building Department: (Cont'd)										
Other Expenses	$300.00		$100.00		$400.00	$374.45		$374.45	$25.55	
New Equipment	125.00				125.00	108.11		108.11	16.89	
Wire Department:										
Salaries & Wages	3,350.00				3,350.00	3,350.00		3,350.00		
Other Expenses	75.00				75.00	59.51		59.51	15.49	
Police Signal Maintenance	3,200.00				3,200.00	3,107.49		3,107.49	92.51	
Fire Alarm Maintenance	5,700.00				5,700.00	5,590.96		5,590.96	109.04	
Sealer of Weights and Measures:										
Salaries & Wages	1,675.00				1,675.00	1,675.00		1,675.00		
Other Expenses	225.00				225.00	225.00		225.00		
Forestry:										
Care of Trees	11,000.00				11,000.00	10,478.60	$500.00	10,978.60	21.40	
Plant New Trees	900.00				900.00	900.00		900.00		
Dog Officer:										
Salaries & Wages	600.00				600.00	450.02		450.02	149.98	
Other Expenses	568.00				568.00	473.26		473.26	94.74	
TOTAL PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY	335,155.43	1,692.70	5,582.00		342,430.13	314,210.74	3,754.71	317,965.45	24,464.68	
HEALTH AND SANITATION										
Health Department:										
Salaries & Wages	$4,620.00				$4,620.00	$4,379.75		$4,379.75	$240.25	
Other Expenses	1,450.00				1,450.00	1,375.62		1,375.62	74.38	
Tuberculosis	4,000.00		$400.00		4,400.00	4,185.50	$4.00	4,189.50	210.50	
School Physicians, Salary	1,200.00				1,200.00	1,144.00		1,144.00	56.00	
School & Public Health Nurses, Salaries	6,950.00				6,950.00	6,950.00		6,950.00		
Inspector of Animals	675.00				675.00	675.00		675.00		

	Budget Appropriation	Revenue Orders	Credit Transfers	Balance from Prev. Yrs. & Receipts	Total Credits	Expended	Debit Transfers	Total Debits	Balance to Revenue 194-	Balance to 1949
Health Department: (Cont'd)										
Inspector of Milk and Food	$2,760.00				$2,760.00	$2,759.99		$2,759.99	$.01	
Inspector of Plumbing	2,150.00				2,150.00	2,150.00		2,150.00		
Quarantine and Contagious Diseases	1,000.00				1,000.00	323.39	$481.00	804.39	195.61	
Care and Disposal of Stray Animals	500.00				500.00	364.12	13.50	377.62	122.38	
Immunization of Dogs(Rabies)	250.00				250.00	189.11		189.11	60.89	
Sewer and Surface Drainage Division:										
Sewer and Surface Drge. Construction	41,000.00		$15,100.00	$18,815.82	74,915.82	61,659.57		61,659.57	201.82	$13,054.43
Sewer Maintenance	4,300.00				4,300.00	2,004.07	2,250.00	4,254.07	45.93	
Sewer Construction:										
East Side Trunk			81,000.00	40,736.39	121,736.39	113,525.12		113,525.12		8,211.27
Upham Street				4,493.65	4,493.65	4,493.25		4,493.25		.40
Private Sewers	4,000.00		6,750.00		10,750.00	10,707.03		10,707.03	42.97	
Sewer Connections:										
General	400.00		1,000.00		1,400.00	951.71	418.49	1,370.20	29.80	
Southeast	600.00				600.00	89.65	510.35	600.00		
East Side and Southeast			1,428.84		1,428.84	773.59		773.59	655.25	
Surface Drge. Maintenance	12,500.00				12,500.00	10,566.01	1,900.00	12,466.01	33.99	
Collection of Ashes	30,000.00		1,900.00		31,900.00	31,899.76		31,899.76	.24	
Collection of Garbage	32,000.00		200.00		32,200.00	32,116.53	40.22	32,156.75	43.25	
Street Cleaning	12,000.00				12,000.00	11,955.61		11,955.61	44.39	
TOTAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	162,355.00		107,778.84	64,045.86	334,179.70	305,238.38	5,617.56	310,855.94	2,057.66	21,266.10

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HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES										
Highways:										
Repairing, Automotive Salaries and Wages & Automotive Other Expenses	$35,200.00				$35,200.00	$31,903.47	$2,812.81	$34,716.28	$483.72	
Traffic signs and Markings	3,000.00				3,000.00	2,953.32		2,953.32	46.68	
Construction	30,000.00			$7,163.59	37,163.59	24,584.58	9,500.00	34,084.58	427.26	$2,651.75
Construction Chapter 90 (Main St. & Lebanon St.)	10,000.00			18,069.59	28,069.59	21,207.76	6,545.28	27,753.04		316.55
Individual Walks	2,000.00		$3,000.00		5,000.00	4,999.83		4,999.83	.17	
Repair of Walks	10,000.00				10,000.00	6,530.00	2,601.91	9,131.91	868.09	
Continuous	15,270.00		500.00	4,564.35	20,334.35	15,427.85	3,500.00	18,927.85	448.27	958.23
Snow Removal and Sanding		$70,000.00	10,000.00		80,000.00	72,358.27	851.00	73,209.27	6,790.73*	
Street Lighting	35,600.00				35,600.00	35,443.43	152.15	35,595.58	4.42	
Purchase of Snow Loader		13,300.00			13,300.00	13,164.92	100.00	13,264.92	35.08	
Purchase of Bucket Loader		2,300.00			2,300.00	2,002.50	200.00	2,202.50	97.50	
Purchase of Covered Body for Garbage Truck		1,700.00			1,700.00	1,652.75	47.25	1,700.00		
TOTAL HIGHWAY AND BRIDGES	141,070.00	87,300.00	13,500.00	29,797.53	271,667.53	232,228.68	26,310.40	258,539.08	9,201.92	3,926.53
* Balance to Overlay Surplus										
PUBLIC WELFARE										
General Administration	7,633.50		300.00		7,933.50	7,882.11		7,882.11	51.39	
Other Expenses	1,200.00				1,200.00	1,198.29		1,198.29	1.71	
General Relief	23,000.00		2,800.00		25,800.00	25,789.77		25,789.77	- 10.23	
Old Age Assistance	140,000.00		20,000.00		160,000.00	160,000.00		160,000.00		
Old Age Assistance-Federal Grant			425.45	114,123.53	114,548.98	109,660.16		109,660.16		

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Old Age Assistance Administration-Federal Grant				$4,052.37	$4,052.37	$3,841.74		$3,841.74		$210.63
Aid to Dependent Children	$22,000.00				22,000.00	19,127.10	$2,800.00	21,927.10	$72.90	
Aid to Dependent Children-Federal Grant				7,561.34	7,561.34	6,917.38		6,917.38		643.96
Aid to Dependent Children-Administration Federal Grant				583.13	583.13	197.12		197.12		386.01
TOTAL PUBLIC WELFARE	193,833.50		$23,525.45	126,320.37	343,679.32	334,613.67	2,800.00	337,413.67	136.23	6,129.42
VETERAN'S SERVICES										
General Administration:										
Salaries & Wages	$3,895.00	$196.67	$100.00		$4,191.67	$4,191.67		$4,191.67		
Other Expenses	800.00				800.00	699.99	$100.00	799.99	$.01	
Veterans Benefits	12,000.00		4,000.00		16,000.00	13,174.68		13,174.68	2,825.32	
Veterans Burial	200.00				200.00	100.00		100.00	100.00	
TOTAL VETERANS' SERVICES	16,895.00	196.67	4,100.00		21,191.67	18,166.34	100.00	18,266.34	2,925.33	
EDUCATION										
Salaries & Wages	542,404.00	9,800.00			552,204.00	548,245.64		548,245.64	3,958.36	
Other General Expenses	3,835.00		50.00		3,885.00	3,653.03	200.00	3,853.03	31.97	
Textbooks andSupplies	29,225.00				29,225.00	29,208.40		29,208.40	16.60	
Plant-Maintenance and Operation	88,314.00	1,265.00			89,579.00	87,890.82	1,550.00	89,440.82	138.18	
Adult Vocational Education:										
George Barden Fund				720.00	720.00	716.60		716.60		3.40

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City Appropriation	$1,890.00	$600.00		$280.00	$2,770.00	$2,659.32		$2,659.32	$110.68	
Take Land Adjacent to High School			$950.00	1,050.00	2,000.00	2,000.00		2,000.00		
Stand Pipe and Water Mains-Coolidge School				490.68	490.68	455.28		455.28	35.40	
Restore Fire Damage-Coolidge School				1,790.32	1,790.32	123.27		123.27	1,667.05	
Install Supplementary Fuel Oil Storage Tank-Coolidge School				1,694.55	1,694.55	1,689.00		1,689.00	5.55	
Repair Fire Damage-Franklin School			493.00		493.00	354.31		354.31	138.69	
Military Service Credit-Teachers Retirement System		347.95			347.95	347.95		347.95		
Fire Service-Coolidge School	2,400.00				2,400.00	2,161.16		2,161.16	238.84	
Athletic Insurance	1,270.00				1,270.00	1,270.00		1,270.00		
Equalization of Salaries of Women Teachers		73,200.00			73,200.00	69,660.00		69,660.00	3,540.00	
Out of State Travel			200.00		200.00	140.81		140.81	59.19	
Repairs to Franklin School			12,500.00		12,500.00	11,875.00		11,875.00		$625.00
Plans, Specifications and Construction of School on Hesseltine Ave.			309,997.94		309,997.94					309,997.94
TOTAL EDUCATION	669,338.00	85,212.95	324,190.94	6,025.55	1,084,767.44	762,450.59	1,750.00	764,200.59	9,940.51	310,626.34
LIBRARIES										
Salaries & Wages	25,329.00				25,329.00	24,579.64	425.00	25,004.64	324.36	
Other Expenses	1,200.00		375.00		1,575.00	1,571.64		1,571.64	3.36	
Books and Periodicals	3,556.76		3,968.24		7,525.00	7,522.59		7,522.59	2.41	
Fuel & Light	1,700.00				1,700.00	1,688.30		1,688.30	11.70	
Building & Janitor Supplies	2,800.00				2,800.00	2,799.36		2,799.36	.64	

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Binding	$1,200.00				$1,200.00	$1,197.83		$1,197.83	$2.17	
New Equipment	500.00				500.00	494.01		494.01	5.99	
Additional Lighting-Reading Room	1,000.00		$100.00		1,100.00	1,097.66		1,097.66	2.34	
Remodeling to provide room for Small Children	3,000.00		425.00		3,425.00	3,157.64		3,157.64		$267.36
TOTAL LIBRARIES	40,285.76		4,868.24		45,154.00	44,108.67	425.00	44,533.67	352.97	267.36
RECREATION										
Pine Banks Park:										
Salaries & Wages	3,900.00		305.00		4,205.00	4,204.53		4,204.53	.47	
Other Expenses	1,300.00				1,300.00	1,298.76		1,298.76	1.24	
Grading Surfacing and Seeding				$783.85	783.85	778.00		778.00	5.85	
New Power Mowing Unit	1,025.00				1,025.00	1,025.00		1,025.00		
Motion Picture Projector			162.50		162.50	162.50		162.50		
Park Department:										
General Administration:										
Salaries & Wages	10,198.68				10,198.68	6,742.68		6,742.68	3,456.00	
Other Expenses	500.00				500.00	434.88		434.88	65.12	
All other Salaries & Wages	30,000.00		2,000.00		32,000.00	23,945.15		23,945.15	8,054.85	
All other Expendes	4,500.00		1,500.00		6,000.00	5,594.04		5,594.04	405.96	
Holidays, Labor Vacation and Insurance	2,800.00				2,800.00	2,025.72		2,025.72	774.28	
Mt. Hood Golf Maintenance and Operation			19,000.00		19,000.00	15,357.13		15,357.13	3,642.87*	
Patch Roadways, Mt.Hood Park	100.00			39.60	139.60	87.12		87.12		52.48
Mt. Hood Recreation Building Operation			4,500.00		4,500.00	4,331.50		4,331.50	168.50*	
Athletic Field, Maintenance and Operation	3,000.00				3,000.00	2,501.43		2,501.43	498.57	
Athletic Field Seating				120,894.28	120,894.28	63,302.69		63,302.69		57,591.59
Repairs on Bathhouse, Ell Pond				62.36	62.36				62.36	

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Recreation Building at Ell Pond				$2,811.71	$2,811.71					$2,811.71
Gravel Fill for Dam at Hockey Rink, Ell Pond				780.12	780.12					780.12
Playground Projects, W. P. A.				4,530.42	4,530.42					4,530.42
Athletic Field Improvements				508.81	508.81	$485.81		$485.81	$23.00	
Asphalt Tennis Courts and RepairWalks and Fences, Messengers and Lincoln Playgrounds				1,121.55	1,121.55	1,095.00		1,095.00	26.55	
Halloween, 4th of July and Christmas	$800.00				800.00	597.54		597.54	202.46	
New Rink at Ell Pond				92.44	92.44	45.79		45.79	46.65	
Land for New Playgrounds				500.00	500.00					500.00
New Equipment				196.50	196.50					196.50
New Car				1,000.00	1,000.00					1,000.00
Ell Pond Wall Repair				1,996.00	1,996.00	4.80	$1,800.00	1,804.80		191.20
Canopy Backstop at Messenger's Meadows	420.00				420.00	219.00	100.0 0	319.00	101.00	
Swings, Lebanon St. Playground	325.00				325.00	284.52		284.52		40.48
Replace Boat at Ell Pond	175.00				175.00	132.23		132.23	42.77	
Paint Flag Poles	125.00				125.00	125.00		125.00		
Baseball Backstop at Lincoln Playground			$900.00		900.00	539.00		539.00		361.00
Fire Loss Repairs, Boy Scout Cabins			350.00		350.00	335.00		335.00	15.00*	
Free Ski School Mt. Hood			100.00		100.00	38.90		38.90		61.10
Dedication of Memorial to George W. Rogers			300.00		300.00	205.97		205.97		94.03
TOTAL RECREATION	59,168.68		29,117.50	135,317.64	223,603.82	135,899.69	1,900.00	137,799.69	17,593.50	68,210.63

*Balances returned to Mt. Hood Mem. Pk Rcpts.

	Budget Appropriations	Revenue Orders	Credit Transfers	Balance from Prev. Yrs. & Receipts	Total Credits	Expended	Debit Transfers	Total Debits	Balance to Revenue 194	Balance to 1949
CELEBRATIONS										
Memorial Day:										
G. A. R. under Direction of Sons of Union Veterans	$400.00				$400.00	$400.00		$400.00		
American Legion	250.00				250.00	250.00		250.00		
Veterans of Foreign Wars	200.00				200.00	197.29		197.29	$2.71	
Disabled American Veterans	60.00				60.00	60.00		60.00		
Marine Corps League	50.00				50.00	25.00		25.00	25.00	
Amvets	25.00				25.00	24.75		24.75	.25	
Armistice Day:										
American Legion	100.00				100.00	98.50		98.50	1.50	
Veterans of Foreign Wars	100.00				100.00	99.47		99.47	.53	
Disabled American Veterans	60.00				60.00				60.00	
Amvets	25.00				25.00				25.00	
Christmas Lighting:										
City Hall	475.00				475.00	475.00		475.00		
Memorial Building	200.00				200.00	200.00		200.00		
TOTAL CELEBRATIONS	1945.00				1945.00	1830.01		1830.01	114.99	
PENSIONS										
Police Department	12,160.00		$1,044.40		13,204.40	13,188.29	$16.11	13,204.40		
Fire Department	6,758.98	$1,178.07	69.71		8,006.76	6,870.23	9.52	6,879.75	1,127.01	
Public Works Department	13,500.00				13,500.00	12,483.95	1,000.00	13,483.95	16.05	
School Department			937.50		937.50	937.50		937.50		
TOTAL PENSIONS	32,418.98	1,178.07	2,051.61		35,648.66	33,479.97	1,025.63	34,505.60	1,143.06	
UNCLASSIFIED										
Rental:										
Veterans of Foreign Wars	600.00				600.00	600.00		600.00		

MELROSE PUBLIC LIBRARY
MELROSE, MASS.

	Budget Appropriations	Revenue Orders	Credit Transfers	Balance from Prev. Yrs. & Receipts	Total Credits	Expended	Debit Transfers	Total Debits	Balance to Revenue 1948	Balance to 1949
American Legion	$700.00				$700.00	$700.00		$700.00		
Disabled American Veterans	600.00				600.00	556.55		556.55	$43.45	
Amvets	600.00				600.00	555.30		555.30	44.70	
Marine Corps League	600.00				600.00	247.00		247.00	353.00	
Insurance	7,500.00				7,500.00	7,082.37	$400.00	7,482.37	17.63	
Claims		$10.00	$538.00		548.00	548.00		548.00		
Portraits			100.00	$100.00	200.00	100.00		100.00		$100.00
Services of Architects and Engineers and prepare plans- New School-Hesseltine Ave.			20,380.18	37.50	20,417.68	19,891.18	489.00	20,380.18	37.50	
Print City Report	500.00				500.00	395.57	75.00	470.57	29.43	
Publish State Audit	37.00				37.00	35.00		35.00	2.00	
School Construction- Hesseltine Ave.			59,997.94	100,000.00	159,997.94		159,997.94	159,997.94		
Purchase Land for School Purposes Hesseltine Ave.				2,620.00	2,620.00					2,620.00
Expenses of Special Commission- Study and Investigation Relative to Publish History of Melrose				200.00	200.00					200.00
Stabilization Fund	75,000.00			75,000.00	150,000.00		150,000.00	150,000.00		
Inaugural Exercises 1948			13.00	270.00	283.00	283.00		283.00		
Rental of Memorial Hall:										
Boy Scouts of America		75.00			75.00	75.00		75.00		
Reception to Fred Lacey		25.00			25.00	25.00		25.00		
United Choir Concert		55.00			55.00				55.00	
Disabled American Veterans			20.00		20.00				20.00	

	Budget Appropriations	Revenue Orders	Credit Transfers	Balance from Prev. Yrs. & Receipts	Total Credits	Expended	Debit Transfers	Total Debits	Balance to Revenue 1948	Balance to 1949
Rifle Practice Hdqts Co 3rd Bn. 182nd Inf. M.N.G.	$175.00		450.00		$625.00	$445.95		$445.95	$179.05	
Honor Roll Maintenance	100.00				100.00	55.00		55.00	45.00	
Indemnification of Police Officers-Damages and Injuries:										
Earl T. Martin			13.00		13.00	13.00		13.00		
George K. Lyons			162.00		162.00	162.00		162.00		
Leo T. Murray			102.00		102.00	102.00		102.00		
Geo. W. Campbell			3.00		3.00	3.00		3.00		
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	86,412.00	165.00	81,779.12	178,227.50	346,583.62	31,874.92	310,961.94	342,836.86	826.76	2,920.00
WATER DIVISION										
Maintenance	38,500.00		5,000.00		43,500.00	42,455.56	996.15	43,451.71	48.29	
New Meters	2,200.00				2,200.00	1,747.44	446.25	2,193.69	6.31	
Malden Water Rates	313.16				313.16	313.16		313.16		
Construction	30,000.00		10,045.28		40,045.28	40,030.04		40,030.04	15.24	
Relaying of Mains			25,000.00	$15.82	25,015.82	25,015.82		25,015.82		
Inside Services	4,000.00		3,000.00		7,000.00	6,977.59		6,977.59	22.41	
TOTAL WATER DIVISION	75,013.16		43,045.28	15.82	118,074.26	116,539.61	1,442.40	117,982.01	92.25	
CEMETERY										
Maintenance:										
Salaries & Wages	22,887.07				22,887.07	22,887.07		22,887.07		
Other Expenses	4,500.00				4,500.00	4,465.48		4,465.48	34.52	
Holidays	667.04				667.04	649.60		649.60	17.44	
Road and Drain Repairs				6,527.53	6,527.53	5,535.33		5,535.33		992.20
Drain and Fill Pond				1,367.01	1,367.01	875.02		875.02		491.99
Grave Liners	4,000.00				4,000.00	2,441.60		2,441.60	1,558.40	
Grave Liners (Appropriated from Sale of Lots and Graves Acct)				931.40	931.40	931.40		931.40*		

	Budget Appropriations	Revenue Orders	Credit Transfers	Balance from Prev. Yrs. & Receipts	Total Credits	Expended	Debit Transfers	Total Debits	Balance to Revenue 1948	Balance to 1949
CEMETERY										
TOTAL CEMETERY	$32,054.11			$8,825.94	$40,880.05	$37,785.50		$37,785.50	$1,610.36	$1,484.19
*Paid to Sales of Lots & Graves Account										
INTEREST	2,237.50				2,237.50	922.50	$1,000.00	1,922.50	315.00	
MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS	14,000.00				14,000.00	14,000.00		14,000.00		
BILLS PAYABLE			$9,614.24	6,488.61	16,102.85	6,260.61	228.00	6,488.61		9,614.24

	Outstanding from 1947	Committed and Foreclosed	Tax Titles Takings and Added and Transfers	Total Charges	Collected	Abated Apportioned and Foreclosed	Tax Titles Takings and Added and Transfers	Total Credits	Outstanding to 1949
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE									
Poll, Personal and Real Estate Taxes	$53,615.48	$1,742,312.10		$1,796,427.58	$1,717,197.20	$18,352.24	$1,336.80	$1,736,886.24	$59,541.34
Motor Vehicle Excise	3,670.85	107,911.75		111,582.60	101,024.10	6,416.53		107,440.63	4,141.97
Water Rates	22,236.84	114,975.11		137,211.95	118,124.00	563.60		118,687.60	18,524.35
Assessments:									
Sewers	236.78	13,111.96		13,348.74	6,686.24	6,447.62	61.59	13,195.45	153.29
Sidewalks	89.21	8,655.71		8,744.92	3,059.22	5,588.22		8,647.44	97.48
Streets	54.54	2,899.19		2,953.73	1,663.47	1,259.15		2,922.62	31.11
Committed Interest	76.73	1,334.79		1,411.52	1,341.11		15.32	1,356.43	55.09
Tax Titles	1,813.92		$1,469.97	3,283.89	1,320.64	419.55		1,740.19	1,543.70
Tax Titles Possessions	32,776.27	419.55	11,415.83	44,611.65	15,248.50		2,052.50	17,301.00	27,310.65
Departmental	13,770.67	179,000.47		192,771.14	176,675.35	2,075.60		178,750.95	14,020.19
Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons		1,838.73		1,838.73	1,282.19	446.36		1,728.55	110.18
TOTAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	128,341.29	2,172,959.36	12,885.80	2,314,186.45	2,143,622.02	41,568.87	3,466.21	2,188,657.10	125,529.35

AGENCY TRUSTS	Assessors Warrants	Transfer to Revenue 1948	Over-Estimates from 1947	Total Credits	Expended	Transfers to Revenue 1948	Under-Estimates from 1947	Total Debits	Under-Estimates to 1949	Over-Estimate to 1949
County Tax	$68,879.51		10,062.90	78,942.41	73,593.98	10,062.90		83,656.88	4,714.47	
County Tuberculosis Hospital Tax	14,344.76			14,344.76	13,278.21			13,278.21		1,066.55
Charles River Basin Tax	3,580.57		261.16	3,841.73	4,609.57	261.16		4,870.73	1,029.00	
Metropolitan Park Tax	11,200.97	558.26		11,759.23	13,724.71		558.26	14,282.97	2,523.74	
Metropolitan Sewer Tax	43,562.89	4,083.44		47,646.33	48,771.86		4,083.44	52,855.30	5,208.97	
Metropolitan Water Tax	24,445.04	250.40		24,695.44	24,445.04		250.40	24,695.44		
Smoke Inspection Service Tax	483.60		32.32	515.92	491.64	32.32		523.96	8.04	
Water to Saugus Tax			159.60	159.60		159.60		159.60		

	Assessors Warrants	Transfer to Revenue 1948	Over-Estimates from 1947	Total Credits	Expended	Transfers to Revenue 1948	Under-Estimates from 1947	Total Debits	Under-Estimates to 1949	Over-Estimates to 1949
State Audit of Municipal Accounts Tax	$1,624.72			$1,624.72	$1,624.72			$1,624.72		
State Examination of Retirement System Tax	138.50			138.50	138.50			138.50		
TOTAL AGENCY TRUSTS	168,260.56	4,892.10	10,515.98	183,668.64	180,678.23	10,515.98	4,892.10	196,086.31	13,484.22	1,066.55

	Balance from 1947	Income or Deposits to City	Total Credits	Transfers and Expended	Paid to Funds	Total Debits	Balance to 1949
FUNDS AND TRUST FUNDS- INCOME ACCOUNTS (In City Cash for Expenditure)							
Memorial Bldg., John C. F. Slayton Fund-Income		$400.00	$400.00		$400.00	$400.00	
Welfare: A. C. Marie Currier Fund-Income	$3.54	270.00	273.54	$269.00		269.00	$4.54
A. J. Burnett Fund-Income	43.33	40.00	83.33				83.33
George Emerson Fund		856.85	856.85	856.85		856.85	
School: Levi S. Gould Fund-Income	427.31	20.00	447.31	25.96		25.96	421.35
N. F. Hesseltine Fund-Income	7.79	2.00	9.79				9.79
M. Bakeman Wing Award Fund		5.00	5.00	5.00		5.00	
Community Civics Fund-Income	65.53	1.00	66.53				66.53
Sarah E. Fitch Fund		240.00	240.00	240.00		240.00	
Library: William E. Bailey Fund-Income	344.58	50.00	394.58				394.58
William E. Barrett Fund-Income	119.38	1.50	120.88				120.88
H. N. Perkins Fund-Income	134.56	10.00	144.56				144.56
Duplicate Fund	145.51	127.38	272.89	216.81		216.81	56.08
Park: S. E. Chever Fund-Income	497.10	30.00	527.10				527.10
Cemetery: Perpetual Care Fund-Income	4,416.09	7,077.75	11,493.84	6,753.79		6,753.79	4,740.05
Flower Fund-Income	22.32	44.38	66.70	44.45		44.45	22.25
Post War Rehabilitation Fund		195,850.00	195,850.00	192,950.00		192,950.00	2,900.00
TOTAL FUNDS AND TRUST FUNDS-INCOME ACCOUNTS	6,227.04	205,025.86	211,252.90	201,361.86	400.00	201,761.86	9,491.04

* Balance to Revenue 1948
** Balance to Mt. Hood. Memorial Park Receipts Acct.

	Balance from 1947	Receipts	Transfers and Assessors Warrants	Total Credits	Assessors Warrant Paid and Refunded	Transfers and Abatements	Total Debits	Balance to 1949
ACCOUNTS-GENERAL								
Petty Cash Advance:								
Treasurer-Collector Dept.	$150.00			$150.00				150.00
Park Dept.			$50.00	50.00		$50.00	$50.00	
Cemetery Dept.	10.00			10.00				10.00
Temporary Loans		$200,000.00		200,000.00	$200,000.00		200,000.00	
Grants and Gifts-County								
Dog Tax		2,943.24		2,943.24		2,943.24	2,943.24	
Tailings	72.55	702.50		775.05	650.00	16.35	666.35	108.70
Overlays for Abatements	1,058.57		19,401.50	20,460.07		19,687.08	19,687.08	772.99
Estimated Receipts		326,912.68	408,066.59	734,979.27	675,673.62		675,673.62*	59,305.65
Tax Titles Possessions Fund	7,263.20	120.00	17,301.00	24,684.20		600.00	600.00	24,084.20
Sale of City Property	1,000.00			1,000.00				1,000.00
Overlay Surplus	60,100.35		8,125.57	68,225.92		10,000.00	10,000.00	58,225.92
Excess and Deficiency	100,978.12		131,520.11	232,498.23		92,926.00	92,926.00	139,572.23
Agency Trusts-County Dog Tax		3,545.20		3,545.20	3,529.60		3,529.60	15.60
Mt.Hood Memorial Park Receipts	35,569.84	20,866.05	4,362.87	60,798.76		23,500.00	23,500.00	37,298.76
Police Dept. Ambulance Fund	580.09	375.90		955.99	434.39		434.39	521.60
Old Age Assistance Recovery Account	882.67			882.67		882.67	882.67	
Library Fines	634.26	2,346.26		2,980.52		1,500.00	1,500.00	1,480.52
Cemetery,Perpetual Care Fund-Receipts Account		6,974.00	85.00	7,059.00	7,059.00		7,059.00	
Cemetery,Sale of Lots and Graves-Receipts Account		6,949.00	46.00	6,995.00	6,995.00		6,995.00	
Cemetery,Sale of Grave Liners	640.00	370.00		1,010.00	1,010.00		1,010.00	
Fire Loss-Park Dept.-Boy Scout Camp-Mt. Hood	886.50			886.50		350.00	350.00**	536.50
-School Dept.-Franklin School	493.00			493.00		493.00	493.00	
-School Dept.-Roosevelt School		50.00		50.00		50.00	50.00	
Unidentified Receipts	18.20			18.20				18.20
Parking Meter Fees		2,711.90		2,711.90	746.57		746.57	1,965.33
Deposit Accounts:								
Private Sewers	325.00	14,955.00		15,280.00	9,590.00		9,590.00	5,690.00
Individual Walks	255.00	3,551.00		3,806.00				3,806.00
Water Inside Services	150.00	8,397.00		8,547.00	4,707.00		4,707.00	3,840.00
Spray Private Trees		211.50		211.50	211.50		211.50	
Sale of Tax Titles Possessions	855.00	1,427.50		2,282.50		2,052.50	2,052.50	230.00
Contract Guaranty		1,000.00		1,000.00				1,000.00
Pay Roll Deductions:								
Purchase Victory Bonds	29.34	19.84		49.18	49.18		49.18	
Withholding Taxes		121,231.55		121,231.55	121,231.55		121,231.55	
TOTAL ACCOUNTS GENERAL	211,951.69	725,660.12	588,958.64	1,526,570.45	1,031,887.41	155,050.84	1,186,938.25	339,632.20

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK

January 31, 1949.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The report of the City Clerk's Department for the year 1948 follows:

The amounts received by the City Clerk for fees for official services from January 1, 1948, to December 31, 1948, were as follows:-

For recording and indexing fishing, hunting, sporting and trapping licenses	$ 135.25
For recording and indexing dog licenses	344.20
For recording marriage certificates	672.00
For licenses to keep, store and sell gasoline and other inflammable materials, and for filing certificates of registration of such licenses	1,722.50
For miscellaneous licenses	712.50
For copies of records, etc	321.55
For recording pole locations and furnishing copies	67.80
For recording and indexing mortgages of personal property and other instruments	2,091.91
Total Receipts	$6,067.71
Less refunds	75.00
Total net receipts paid into City Treasury	$5,992.71

The sum of $3,963 has been received by this department for dog licenses issued from January 1, 1948, to December 31, 1948, inclusive, in the following numbers and amounts:-

For 925 male dogs at $2.00 each	$1,950.00
For 130 female dogs at $5.00 each	650.00
*For 666 spayed female dogs at $2.00 each	1,328.00
#For 2 kennel licenses at $25.00 each	25.00
For 1 kennel license at $10.00 each	10.00
Total received for dog licenses	$3,963.00

*Two spayed female dog licenses for seeing-eye dogs were issued without charge.

#One kennel license was issued to the Melrose Humane Society, Inc., without charge.

In addition to the above, 41 licenses were issued without charge for dogs owned by persons serving in the armed forces.

Of the above amount $3,618.80 was paid to the County of Middlesex and $344.20, representing Clerk's fees, has been paid into the City Treasury.

The sum of $1,257.25 has been received for fishing, hunting, sporting and trapping licenses issued from January 1, 1948, to December 31, 1948, inclusive, in the following numbers and amounts:-

Resident Citizen Fishing licenses, 289 @ $2.00 each.....	$ 578.00
Resident Citizen Hunting licenses, 89 @ $2.00 each.....	178.00
Resident Citizen Sporting licenses, 98 @ $3.25 each.....	318.50
Resident Citizen Female and Minor Fishing licenses, 58 @ $1.25 each.....	72.50
Resident Citizen Minor Trapping licenses, 2 @ $2.25 each.	4.50
Resident Citizen Trapping licenses, 2 @ $5.25 each.....	10.50
Special Non-Resident Fishing licenses, 2 @ $1.50 each....	3.00
Non-Resident Citizen Fishing licenses, 1@ $5.25. each....	5.25
Duplicate licenses, 3 @ $.50 each.....	1.50
Resident Citizen (over 70) Sporting licenses, 46 - free..	00.00
Resident Citizen Military or Naval Sporting licenses, 7 - free.....	00.00
Total.....	$1,171.75

Of the above amount $1,036.50 has been paid to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Fisheries and Game, and $135.25, representing Clerk's fees, has been paid into the City Treasury.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Recorded

Children born in Melrose of Melrose parents.....	315
Children born outside of Melrose of Melrose parents.....	215
Children born in Melrose of non-resident parents.....	426
Total number of births recorded.....	956

Marriages Recorded

Both parties resident and solemnized in Melrose.....	61
Both parties resident and solemnized elsewhere in state..	20
Both parties resident and solemnized out of state.....	4
One party resident and solemnized in Melrose.....	124
One party resident and solemnized elsewhere in state.....	125
One party resident and solemnized out of state.....	7
Both parties resident and solemnized in Melrose.....	19
Total number of marriages recorded.....	360

Deaths Recorded

Melrose residents occurring in Melrose.....	239
Melrose residents occurring elsewhere.....	53
Non-residents occurring in Melrose.....	96
Total number of deaths recorded.....	388

Raymond H. Greenlaw
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CITY CLERK

REPORT OF CITY PHYSICIAN

The Honorable Thomas L. Thistle, Mayor, and
Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report as City Physician for the year 1948.

Visits for Department of Public Welfare:

Old Age Assistance	139
Aid to Dependent Children	94
General Relief	38
Hospital	15
Examinations for Public Works Department	157
Examinations for Park Department	14
Examinations for Fire Department	5
Examinations for School Department	2
Examinations for Work Certificates (minors)	5
Vaccinations	2
Other	12
Total Home Visits	127
Total Office Visits	341
Total Hospital Visits	15

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick A. Durham, M.D.
City Physician

REPORT OF CITY TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

The Honorable Mayor and
Board of Aldermen,
City Hall,
Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report as City Treasurer and Collector for the year 1948.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Homer Buttrick
City Treasurer-Collector

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CITY TREASURER

CASH STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1948

Cash in Bank and Office, January 1, 1948	$ 605,801.61
Receipts, January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948	3,232,469.06
	$3,838,270.67
Payments January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948	$3,193,981.54
Balance Cash in Bank and Office December 31, 1948	644,289.13
	$3,838,270.67

LOANS IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES

Authorized by order No.7767	$200,000.00
Notes paid during 1948	200,000.00
Balance due in 1949	000,000.00
Rate of discount	.70%

TAX TITLE ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1948	$ 1,813.92	
Added during 1948	1,469.97	$ 3,283.89
Redemption and Foreclosures	$ 1,740.19	
Balance December 31, 1948	1,543.70	$ 3,283.89

FUNDS HELD BY CITY TREASURER

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CEMETERY TRUST FUND

	Cash	Securities	Total
In fund January 1, 1948	$ 21,678.02	212,499.00	234,177.02
In fund December 31, 1948	$ 19,974.52	221,499.00	241,473.52

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

Receipts

City of Melrose, Collections		7,059.00	
Premiums on bonds purchased		380.00	
Cash on hand January 1, 1948			
Savings Banks	$ 18,003.00		
Melrose Trust Company	$ 3,675.02	$ 21,678.02	$29,117.02

Payments

Securities purchased:			
Cambria & Clearfield Ry	$ 3,000.00		
Seattle Gas Company	2,000.00		
American Tel & Tel Co	2,000.00		
New Jersey Bell Tel Co	2,000.00	$ 9,000.00	
Premiums on bonds purchased		142.50	
Cash on hand December 31, 1948			
Savings Bank	$ 18,003.00		
Melrose Trust Company	1,971.52	$ 19,974.52	$29,117.02

INCOME ACCOUNT

Receipts

Balance January 1, 1948		756.25	
Income from securities		$ 7,214.87	$ 7,971.12

Payments

Interest paid on securities purchased		125.12	
Melrose Trust Co., Box Rent		12.00	
City of Melrose; Income		$ 7,077.75	
Balance December 31, 1948		756.25	$ 7,971.12

LIST OF SECURITIES IN FUND

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry...1995.....4%	$ 6,000.00	
Pennsylvania R.R.....1965..4-1/2%	3,000.00	
New York Central Ry.....2013..4-1/2%	3,000.00	
Boston Albany Ry.....1978..4-1/2%	8,000.00	
Atlantic Coast Line Ry.....1952.....4%	3,000.00	
Louisville & Nashville Ry.....2003..2-7/8%	7,000.00	
Southern Pacific Ry.....1961..2-7/8%	5,000.00	
Southern Pacific Oregon Ry.....1977..4-1/2%	5,000.00	
Michigan Central Ry.....1957.....4%	2,000.00	
Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.....1996..3-1/2%	5,000.00	
Cambria & Clearfield Ry.....1955.....4%	14,000.00	
Boston Terminal Co.....3-1/2%	8,000.00	
Boston Edison Co.....1970..2-3/4%	15,000.00	
Wisconsin Power & Light.....1971..3-1/2%	5,000.00	
Luzerne County Gas & Electric....1966..3-1/2%	2,000.00	
Pacific Gas & Electric.....1974-79 3%	10,000.00	
Pennsylvania Electric.....1976..2-3/4%	4,000.00	
Brooklyn Union Gas.....1976..2-7/8%	5,000.00	
Ohio Public Service Co.....1976..2-3/4%	8,000.00	
Central Maine Power.....1976..3-1/2%	5,000.00	
Public Service of N.H.....1973..3-1/4%	5,000.00	
Central Maine Power.....1976..2-3/4%	5,000.00	
Central Vermont Public Service...1975..2-3/4%	8,000.00	
Toledo Edison Co.....1977..2-7/8%	3,000.00	
Connecticut Power & Light Co.....1980.....3%	7,000.00	
Northern Indiana Public Service..1973..3-1/8%	8,000.00	
Wisconsin Public Service.....1971..3-1/4%	5,000.00	
Jersey Bell Telephone Co.....1988..3-1/8%	2,000.00	
Seattle Gas Co.....1976..3-5/8%	2,000.00	
American Tel & Tel.....1970..2-3/4%	6,000.00	
First National Bank,Boston.....150shares	6,687.50	
Merchants Natl Bank,Boston.....12 shares	4,044.00	
Natl Shawmut Bank,Boston.....150shares	4,212.50	
Newton Trust Co.....59 shares	3,062.50	
Natl Rockland Bank,Boston.....55 shares	3,600.00	
Second Natl Bank,Boston.....35 shares	4,892.50	
U.S.Gov Bonds.....	21,000.00	$221,499.00
Cash, Savings Banks & Trust Co		19,974.52
		$241,473.52

REPORT OF CURRIER FUND

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Amount in Fund December 31, 1948		$ 24,613.39
Securities:		
N.Y.Central R.R. 4½%	$ 2,000.00	
18 shares First Natl Bank,Boston	1,017.00	
Malden Savings Bank	829.98	
Charlestown 5% Savings Bank	619.77	
Eliot Savings Bank	647.01	
Melrose Savings Bank	19,499.63	$ 24,613.39

INCOME ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1948	$ 20.10	
Income from Investments	263.36	
Paid City of Melrose		$ 271.95
Melrose Trust Co.,Box Rent		6.00
Balance December 31, 1948		5.51
	$ 283.46	$ 283.46

100TH ANNIVERSARY TOWN OF MELROSE

Balance January 1, 1948	$ 105.39	
Interest	2.11	
Balance December 31, 1948		$ 107.50
	$ 107.50	$ 107.50

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' MEMORIAL BUILDING
($10,000 Corporate Stock - City of New York)

Dividends received by City of Melrose	$ 400.00	
Paid John C.F.Slayton Fund		$ 400.00
	$ 400.00	$ 400.00

SARAH E CHEEVER FUND
(Sewall Woods Park)
Fund amount $1500.00

Income received	$ 30.00	
Paid City of Melrose		$ 30.00
	$ 30.00	$ 30.00

ANDREW J BURNETT MEMORIAL FUND
(Welfare Department)
Fund amount $2000.00

Income received	$ 40.00	
Paid City of Melrose		$ 40.00
	$ 40.00	$ 40.00

GEORGE EMERSON FUND
(Welfare Department)

Balance January 1, 1948	$ 3,112.04	
Income received	1,000.00	
Interest	54.52	
Paid City of Melrose		$ 856.85
Balance December 31, 1948		3,309.71
	$ 4,166.56	$ 4,166.56

WYOMING CEMETERY FLOWER FUND
(Cemetery Department)
Fund amount $2419.25

Income received	$ 44.38	
Paid City of Melrose		$ 44.38
	$ 44.38	$ 44.38

SALE OF LOTS AND GRAVES
(Cemetery Department)

Balance January 1, 1948	$ 40,228.53	
Collections 1948	8,936.40	
Interest	777.83	
Paid City of Melrose		$ 3,000.00
Balance December 31, 1948		46,942.76
	$ 49,942.76	$ 49,942.76

WILLIAM BAILEY LIBRARY FUND
(Melrose Public Library)
Fund amount $2500.00

Income received	$ 50.00	
Paid City of Melrose		50.00
	$ 50.00	$ 50.00

WILLIAM EMERSON BARRETT FUND
(Melrose Public Library)
Fund amount - $75.00

Income received	$ 1.50	
Paid City of Melrose		$ 1.50
	$ 1.50	$ 1.50

HORATIO NELSON PERKINS FUND
(Melrose Public Library)
Fund amount - $500.00

Income received	$ 10.00	
Paid City of Melrose		$ 10.00
	$ 10.00	$ 10.00

COMMUNITY CIVICS FUND
(School Department)
Fund amount - $50.00

Income received	$ 1.00	
Paid City of Melrose		$ 1.00
	$ 1.00	$ 1.00

SARAH E FITCH FUND
(School Department)

Balance January 1, 1948	$ 899.75	
Received on account of loans	43.00	
Interest	17.16	
Paid, account of tuition		$ 240.00
Balance December 31, 1948		719.91
	$ 959.91	$ 959.91

LEVI S GOULD FUND
(School Department)
Fund amount - $1000.00

Income received	$ 20.00	
Paid City of Melrose		$ 20.00
	$ 20.00	$ 20.00

NORMAN HESSELTINE FUND
(School Department)
Fund amount - $100.00

Income received	$ 2.00	
Paid City of Melrose		$ 2.00
	$ 2.00	$ 2.00

MARGARET BAKEMAN WING
MEMORIAL AWARD FUND
(School Department)

1 share Amer Tel & Tel Stock

Balance in fund January 1, 1948	$ 34.87	
Income received	9.47	
Paid School Department		$ 5.00
Balance December 31, 1948		39.34
	$ 44.34	$ 44.34

CITY OF MELROSE

REHABILITATION FUND

Balance January 1, 1948	$ 60,657.35	
Income received	3,199.95	
Proceeds from sale of securities	94,700.00	
Paid City of Melrose		$148,500.00
Balance December 31, 1948		10,057.30
	$158,557.30	$158,557.30

COLLECTOR 'S ANNUAL REPORT - 1948

Taxes:	1946 Personal	$ 47.40	
	Real Estate	$189.57	
	Polls	6.00	242.97
	1947 Personal	2,311.00	
	Real Estate	47,545.88	
	Polls	137.10	49,993.98
	1948 Personal	136,741.50	
	Real Estate	1,518,429.90	
	Polls	16,168.00	1,671,339.40
Motor Vehicle Excise:			
	1946	8.25	
	1947	3,741.11	
	1948	99,738.99	103,488.35
	1946 Interest	.33	
	1947 " "	7.42	
	1948 " "	31.31	39.06
Apportioned Sewer:			
	1946 (added to taxes)	5.00	
	1947	158.38	
	1948-57(paid in advance)	2,661.50	
	1948 (added to taxes)	3,861.36	6,686.24
Apportioned Sidewalk:			
	1947 (added to taxes)	82.21	
	1948	1,811.27	
	1948-52 (paid in advance)	1,158.74	3,052.22
Apportioned Street:			
	1947 (added to taxes)	54.54	
	1948	1,334.06	
	1948 (paid in advance)	281.87	1,670.47
Committed Interest:			
	1946	1.69	
	1947	55.22	
	1948	1,284.20	1,341.11
General Interest:			
	1946	20.08	
	1947	992.94	
	1948	338.41	
	1946 Polls	.15	
	1947 Polls	3.19	
	1948 Polls	32.60	
	Assessments	6.86	1,394.23
Collector's Receipts			712.34
Municipal Lien Certificates			530.00
Water Rates General			118,360.83
Memorial Building Rentals			2,992.00
Police Dept:			
Ambulance Fund			375.90
Health Dept:			
Tuberculosis			1,988.89

Public Works Department:		
City Hall Rental	900.00	
Private Sewer	8,340.52	
Sale of Garbage	8,791.96	
Highway Repairing	136.37	
Individual Walks	1,946.37	
Water Inside Service	5,348.45	
Rental City Property	130.00	
Hydrant Rental	10,100.00	
Salvage	320.00	
Water Maintenance	33.00	36,046.67
Welfare Department:		
General Relief	6,825.65	
Old Age Assistance	99,108.38	
Aid to Dependent Children	8,305.90	114,239.93
School Department:		
Tuition	6,277.37	
Rentals	69.00	6,346.37
Cemetery Department:		
Sale of Lots	46.00	
Perpetual Care	85.00	131.00
Property Valuation Board		1.00
Assessors' Department:		
Taxes on Estates of Deceased Persons		1,282.19
		$2,122,255.15

Respectfully submitted,

S. Homer Buttrick

City Treasurer-Collector

REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

January 24,1949.

Hon.Thomas L.Thistle,
Mayor,
Melrose,Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

I herewith respectfully submit the annual report of the Dog Officer,for the year of 1948.

Complaints rec'd and investigated of barking dogs	20
Complaints rec'd and investigated of biting dogs	68
Complaints rec'd and investigated of vicious dogs	22
Other complaints rec'd and investigated	23

Number of dogs licensed in Melrose as of 12/31/48
Males 925--Females--130--Seeing eye--2 free licenses
Spayed 664--Military--41 free licenses--kennel 2,One free license.

Respectfully submitted,

George D. MacWilliams

George D.MacWilliams,
Acting Dog Officer.

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose 76, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the annual report of the Melrose Fire Department for the year 1948.

Organization

The Fire Department consists of four companies.

Engine Company #1
Engine Company #2
Engine Company #3
Aerial Ladder #1

Personnel

Chief of Department
4 Captains
1 Master Mechanic
3 Lieutenants
37 Privates

Equipment

Maxim-750 gal. Pumping Engine....installed 1946
Maxim-750 gal. Pumping Engine....installed 1946
Maxim-750 gal. Pumping Engine....installed 1929
Peter Pirsch-Aerial Ladder.....installed 1935
Mack-Service Truck.....installed 1937
Seagrave-350 gal. Pumper.....installed 1925
Seagrave-750 gal. Pumper.....installed 1919
Dodge-Chief's Car.....installed 1946
Trailer-Lighting plant
Trailer-Hose wagon
Boat-Rescue unit fully equipped
Willys-Brush fire wagon, spare piece

Hose

Number of feet of 2½ inch hose.....10400
Number of feet of 1½ inch hose..... 4950
Number of feet of booster hose..... 2800

Hose Condemned 1948

Number of feet of 2½ inch hose	1100
Number of feet of 1½ inch hose	450
Number of feet of booster hose	200

All hose tested at 200 lbs. pressure.

Alarms and Special Calls

Total number of bell alarms	150
Total number of still alarms	287
Total number of emergency calls	160
Apparatus called out of city	32
False alarms	6

Apparatus out of city, following places

Malden, number of calls	26
Wakefield, number of calls	4
Stoneham, number of calls	1
Lynn, number of calls	1

Inspections

Number of Building inspections	2304
Number of Oil Burner inspections	1150
Number of Tank inspections	106
Number of Blasting inspections	31
Number of Garage inspections	92

Permits Granted

Storage of Oil	508
Class A Inflamables	28
Explosives	27

Fire Loss-Buildings and Contents

Number of Buildings damaged	31
Value of Buildings	$298,300
Loss on Buildings	31,941
Insurance on Buildings	357,500
Insurance paid on Buildings	30,941
Value of Contents	517,500
Loss on Contents	22,349
Insurance on Contents	514,200
Insurance paid on Contents	21,849
Total Fire Loss, Buildings and Contents	$54,290
Total Insurance paid on Loss	$52,790

The outstanding fire loss for the year was the Globe Mattress Company on September 11, 1948. The loss amounted to $22,000.00.

Equipment use, Hose, Ladders, Etc.

Number of feet of 2½ inch hose laid	23,400
Number of feet of 1½ inch hose laid	7,950
Number of feet of ladders raised	2,140
Number of covers used	62
Number of lbs. of CO2 used	137
Number of lbs. of foamite used	40
Number of lbs. of Dugas used	30
Number of hours lighting plant used	16
Inhalator used-number of times	11
Number of tanks of Oxygen used	32
Gas masks used-number of times	28
Stretchers used	2
Red Cross mask used	3
Towing chains used	2
Total pumping hours	32

Special Work

Open Looked Doors	22
Oil Burner Leaks	7
Water Leaks	18
Cats Removed From Trees	14
Refrigerator Leaks	22
Repair Sprinkler System	2
Remove Ice From Roofs	9
Gas Leaks	14
Electric Wires Down	5
Shut Off Electric System	3
Oil Spills	11
Replace Flag Pole Ropes	6
Oil Tank Collapse	2
Flush Gasoline From Street	2
Persons Treated For Burns	2
Repair Roofs, Windows, Etc	7
Elevator Repairs	1
Drownings	1
Remove Child From Barrel	1
Cellars pumped out	6
Remove People To Hospitals	3
Recharged Fire Extinguishers	160

All apparatus and equipment are in excellent condition.

The past year has seen four men retired from the Department. Private Frank A. Storey and Private Joseph L. Brown retired on disability, Captain George A. Marshall and Captain George H. Walden having reached the age of sixty five retired from the service.

Conclusion

I desire to express my thanks and appreciation to His Honor, the Mayor, to the Honorable Board of Aldermen, and to all other Departments for their assistance in all matters pertaining to the Fire Department.

To the officers and men of the Department who rendered efficient service at all hours of the day or night, I wish to extend my sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted,
Sidney E. Field
Chief of Department.

REPORT OF THE LAW DEPARTMENT

To His Honor the Mayor and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen of the
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Honorable Gentlemen:

The work of this Department has very greatly increased during the last year.

Registration of title to City-owned land acquired by tax foreclosure has been completed; and the City has sold many parcels for the construction thereon of residences.

It has been necessary during the year to handle many petitions for assessment of damages due to the taking of land for municipal purposes, or due to the taking of easements in land for such purposes. Some of these have been tried, some compromised and some are still pending.

There have been considerably more than the usual number of opinions requested and supplied by this Department to the various Departments of the City.

There have been many claims, and some suits, against the City for injuries alleged to have been caused by defects in the public ways. Some of these have been tried, some compromised and several are pending.

The necessity for the trial of cases in the various Courts and before the various Boards has been more frequent than in previous years.

The cooperation and assistance rendered to this Department by the officials of the City and the heads and personnel of its various departments has very greatly helped in the conduct of the City's law business.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Van Allen Thomson

City Solicitor

REPORT OF MEMORIAL BUILDING TRUSTEES

To His Honor the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Trustees of the Memorial Building herewith submit their annual report for the year 1948.

During this year the building has undergone extensive repairs and improvements, both exteriorly and interiorly, putting the building in much better condition for use by the citizens and the various local organizations. Included in the exterior items of renovations are an entire new 20-year bonded roof, all new copper gutters and conductors, complete pointing-up of all granite masonry, painting of all exterior woodwork, replacing all broken window glass, and new cement steps into both north and south lobbies. Also, the Trustees replaced the old Memorial Tablet, erected upon the wooden frame on front lawn of property in memory of the honored dead of World War I, with a new metal tablet with gold leaf lettering.

The interior improvements included the complete redecoration of the auditorium, the Grand Army Hall, and all the smaller rooms of the building. Also, the painting of the auditorium dome lights, the restoration and painting of the organ screen, complete cleaning of all pipes and parts of the Memorial Organ, the resurfacing and polishing of all floors, and many repairs and improvements of the electrical system throughout the building with new lighting effects on the organ screen, the outer lobby entrance, and at all the outer door exits of the building.

Repairs to many auditorium chairs were made, and a needed replacement of 100 new folding chairs for use in the various rooms of the building. Thus, in general, the many facilities of the building have been made more adequate for its many uses by the citizens of Melrose. We hope to keep this valuable and outstanding Memorial Building in the best of condition at all times.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Salaries & Wages:

Appropriation	$4396.00	
Trans. from Other Expenses	600.00	$4,996.00
Expended		4,731.16
	Balance...	$ 264.84

Other Expenses:

Appropriation	$3890.00	
Trans. to Salaries & Wages	600.00	$3,290.00
Expended		2,993.16
	Balance...	$ 296.84

Special Appropriation for Repairs and Improvements:		$17,713,20
Expended		16,318.29
	Balance...	$ 1,394.91

Respectfully submitted,

TRUSTEES OF MEMORIAL BUILDING

Harold L. Margeson

Chairman.

REPORT OF PARK DEPARTMENT

To His Honor, the Mayor and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City Hall, Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Thirty-ninth Annual Report of the Park Department is submitted herewith.

At the Melrose Athletic Field a Grandstand with a 4000 seating capacity has been erected and installed with a Press Box; also 500 of the former seats relocated on the baseball field. Many favorable comments on the football field have been received. The Commission feel that when the Field House is constructed with the facilities Melrose will have an up-to-date sports field for their athletes.

The members of the Board of Park Commissioners are giving considerable thought to additional Playground facilities in Ward 7 and Ward 3;bathing at Swain's Pond; a Rope Ski Tow in the Mt. Hood Park; a Field House on the Athletic Field;new Lights on the new Rink on the Boule - vard; replace the old Lights on the Tremont Street Rink and a Playground Field House on the Melrose Common.

The Members of the Commission wish to express their appreciation to His Honor, the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen for their splendid co-operation.

Attached you will fine the detailed report of the work done by the Park Department during the past year under the supervision of our Assistant Superintendent Francis J. Meehan.

Respectfully submitted,

For The

MELROSE PARK COMMISSION

Harold W Poole
Chairman

Mr. Harold W. Poole, Chairman
and Members of the Melrose
Board of Park Commissioners

I hereby submit to the Park Commissioners my annual report for the year 1948, showing the operation of all activities conducted under this department, together with the financial statement of all the accounts.

1948 ANNUAL REPORT

Winter season which consists of January, February and December, did not produce the average amount of skating days as in the past owing to the excessive amount of snow accumulation. This being the first time in twenty years that we have had such a severe winter with a record fall of 91.1 inches as reported by United States weather bureau for Boston area.

The following table gives the total good skating days enjoyed on each area:-

Ell Pond	3 Days	Hockey & Skating
Ell Pond Rink	39 Days	Hockey & Skating
Lincoln Playground Area	18 Days	Skating Only
Lincoln Tennis Courts	5 Days	Hockey Only
Messenger's Playground Area	23 Days	Skating Only
Messenger's Tennis Courts	5 Days	Hockey Only
Common Tennis (½ Area)	10 Days	Skating Only
Common Tennis (½ Area)	6 Days	Hockey Only
Hesseltine Playground	18 Days	Skating Only
Hesseltine Rink	25 Days	Hockey Only
Lebanon Playground Area	24 Days	Skating Only
Mt. Hood Pond No. 1	1 Day	Skating Only
Mt. Hood Pond No. 2	1 Day	Hockey Only
Mt. Hood Pond No. 3	2 Days	Hockey & Skating

ELL POND BEACH

The Bathhouse and Beach at Ell Pond had a successful season opening this year on July 1st and closing on August 30th. The diving raft was in operation with a full staff of Life Guards. Swimming lessons for beginners were given and we are happy that there were no accidents to report or fatalities.

PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATION

Supervised Play Areas opened this year on July 1st and remained open until August 24th with two Recreation Supervisors and two Recreational Leaders at the Common, Lebanon, Lincoln, and Hesseltine Playgrounds. New Swings were added to the Lebanon Playground equipment; a back stop at the Lincoln play area and a canopy on the Messenger's Meadow backstop.

PET SHOWS

Pet Shows were held on each Playground during the regular hours and the final awards were made at the Athletic Field by the Mayor.

BASEBALL

The usual Baseball and Softball Leagues were held as well as a Girls' Softball Team, with the finals being run off at the end of the season.

The Boys were taken into Braves Field twice during the Playground season to attend baseball games, admission being free.

ANNUAL PARADE

The Annual Doll Carriage and Costume Parade was well attended and races were held on the Athletic Field Following the awards which were made by Mayor Thistle, free ice cream was given the children by the Department

HALLOWE'EN CELEBRATION

The Annual City-Wide Hallowe'en Celebration was held on Saturday evening, October 30th and in accordance with the Melrose Police and Fire Department report that it was one of the quietest on record, with vandalism at a minimum and no false alarms of any kind for the first time in the City's history.

After the Parade a two-hour Vaudeville entertainment was held in Memorial Hall where over 1,000 parents and children enjoyed themselves. An Open Air Dance for the Teen Agers was held in the rear of the Fire Station in conjunction with the Hallowe'en Celebration, with the "Rhythm Boys" five piece orchestra rendering the music for dancing until 11 PM, Park Commissioner K. G. Swindell was Chief Marshal of the Parade; Chairman Harold W. Poole Master of Ceremonies in Memorial Hall; Mayor T.L. Thistle presenting the Costume Awards; Park Commissioner J. Brady conducting the Dance with Park Commissioner B. R. Vaughan presenting the Banner to Mr. Swindell whose Section had the largest number of persons in the Parade.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Two complete shows were held with a full house attending at each performance at the Melrose Theatre. An appropriate childrens' program consisting of Cartoons, Comics and Funnies being shown. At the conclusion of both shows all children under 14 years of age received free Hoodsies and Noise-makers from the Department. Young children under 8 years of age were accompanied by adults or older children.

HANDICRAFT

Arts and Crafts were taught each morning outside on the Playgrounds and at the school during the afternoons. Leathercraft, puzzles, block-prints, toy animals, jewelry, pot-holders and spatter prints were some of the articles made.

FIELD DAY

The Park Department transported the children to and from the various Playgrounds to Pine Parks Park where a full day was spent in games, contests, a treasure hunt for the younger children with softball games as well as baseball in progress. Free tonic was furnished the children by the Department at lunch time. Approximately 500 children attended with their Recreational Leaders.

SKI SCHOOL

A free Ski School was again started with instruction for both boys and girls at Mount Hood on Saturdays, which proved very popular as well as successful. Due to this fact, it is planned to hold a series of further progressive classes.

Volunteer instructors were Messrs. Robert C. Culver, and Richard Parant of Melrose, and Miss Chris. Cunningham of Saugus. The children are taught the type, form, etc. of skiing with emphasis on, " Safe Controlled Skiing."

ATHLETIC FIELD

The following improvements were made on the field this year:-4,000 new Bleacher Seats and a Press Box installed at the football field making a total of 7,000; 500 of the old Bleachers were relocated on the baseball field, now making the seating capacity on the field 7500 with these additional seats the elevation of the Score Board was necessitated. The fence on the south west side of the field was relocated; wire screening was erected on the back of the football bleachers as a safety measure for the baseball players and a foot ramp was put in front of the south football stands.

Many favorable comments have been received regarding the field and a new Field House is proposed.

GIRL SCOUTS

Three hundred Girl Scouts and their Leaders held their Annual Winter Sports Day Program on the 7th February at the Tremont Street Rink. Due to the fact, that there was not any ice for skating at Mt. Hood where annually this affair usually takes place. Games and Special Events besides skating, track and trailing were included in the program. In the afternoon skiing took place at Mt. Hood.

A Girl Scout Day Camp was held again this year at the Cabins in the Mt. Hood Park for a two week period, this year being the largest ever run.A number of special programs were made available to all unitsThe Scouts all felt it was a well-worth two weeks spent.

MT. HOOD PARK

There are over a dozen fireplaces along the road and along the Nature Trail where many families can enjoy a few hours in the open cooking a meal over fireplaces. These fireplaces are quite popular and we hope that the Melrose people will avail themselves of this opportunity

The Toboggan Slide was dismantled because of the fact that the large timbers had rotted to the danger point and it was deemed unwise to spend several thousand dollars to rebuild it.A Rope Ski Tow is anticipated to be located in this area.

The Recreation Building continues to be very popular for Wedding Receptions, Banquets, Dances and other social gatherings and its revenue increases each year.

DEDICATION

In November public exercises were held in the Recreation Building by the Park Commission,dedicating the hall to the late George W.Rogers,Superintendent of Parks and a bronze Plaque was unveiled by Mrs George W. Rogers

The exercises were conducted by Park Commissioner Kenneth G. Swindell, Chairman of the Committee which was well attended including the Mayor, members of the Board of Aldermen,Department Officials and friends of the late Superintendent.

TRACK MEET

On Saturday, June 12th,a Grammar School Track meet was held at the Athletic Field for both Boys and Girls which was very successful with 200 entrants.

GOLF COURSE

Due to the fact, that a sewer trunk line had to be laid across the first and second Fairways during the middle of the Golf Season, and we had seven rainy week-ends in the spring. The 1948 Golf season was considered very successful with 29,890 rounds of golf played against 29,095 played in 1947.

The 7th and 15th Tees were enlarged with some rough areas cleared.

The Women's Golf Association ran a Special Golf Tournament Day in commemoration of the late Superintendent of Parks with an appropriate Plaque being placed in , "The George W. Rogers Memorial Hall." This tournament is to be held every year.

The following receipts amounting to $21,118.55 were received from the following sources:-

Source of Revenue

Subscriptions	$ 7,250.00
Daily Receipts	9,305.25
Locker Rentals	850.00
Transient Lockers, Soap and Towels	448.45
Hall Rentals	2,864.00
Rental of Quarters, Public Telephone, Elec, Etc...	319.10
Fireplace Permits & Wood	80.75
Concession	1.00
	$21,118.55

In closing I wish to take this opportunity to extend to His Honor, the Mayor and the members of the Park Commission my sincere thanks and appreciation for their cooperation and helpful understanding of our many problems during the past year.

To the Members of the Board of Aldermen , and many other persons who assisted us in our programs ,especially the Holiday Event Programs. Also the other City Officials and those working with me in our varied activities , I wish to express my deep appreciation for their untiring efforts during the year 1948.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis J. Meehan

Assistant Superintendent

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

General Administration - Salaries & Wages

Appropriation		$ 10,198.68
Expenditures:-		
Payrolls	$ 6,742.68	
Unexpended Balance	$ 3,456.00	

General Administration - Other Expenses

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Expenditures:-		
Insurance	$ 25.63	
Office Supplies	216.38	
Printing - Advertising	75.37	
Telephone	117.96	
	$ 435.34	
Unexpended Balance	$ 64.66	

All Other Salaries & Wages

Appropriation		$ 30,000.00
Appropriation - Extra Labor-Snow Removal Rinks		2,000.00
Liability Insurance Payments		217.50
Transfer		744.33
		$ 32,961.83
Expenditures:-		
Payrolls	$ 24,906.98	
Unexpended Balance	$ 8,054.85	

All Other Expenses

Appropriation		$ 4,500.00
Additional Appropriation		1,500.00
Transfers		38.21
		$ 6,038.21
Expenditures:-		
Automotive Insurance, Etc.,	$ 302.26	
Labor Insurance	904.94	
Printing - Advertising	44.25	
Aggregate Materials	178.67	
Playground Supplies & Equipment	1,289.53	
Automotive Maintenance	1,242.18	
First Aid Supplies	46.71	
Paint - Hardware - Lumber	209.81	
Tools - Repairs	503.60	
Telephone - Electricity	145.31	
Repairs Buildings - Flags	134.75	
Water - Service	95.73	
Fuel - Heat - Service	357.31	
Plants - Seedlings - Etc	95.92	
Rental Equipment	80.78	
	$ 5,632.25	
Unexpended Balance	$ 405.96	

Athletic Field - Maintenance & Operation

Appropriation		$ 3,000.00
Expenditures:-		
Services - Insurance	$ 1,609.57	
Aggregate Materials	399.16	
Tools - Repairs	265.78	
Water - Service	71.84	
Fertilizer	79.50	
Rental - Equipment	10.58	
Screen - Rear of Bleachers	65.00	
	$ 2,501.43	
Unexpended Balance	$ 498.57	

Athletic Field - Improvement

Balance from 1946		$ 508.81
Expenditures:-		
Engineering Services & Contractor	$ 356.56	
Lumber	129.25	
	$ 485.81	
Unexpended Balance	$ 23.00	

Athletic Field - Seating

Balance from 1947		$ 120,894.28
Expenditures:-		
Engineering Services & Contractors	$ 63,278.98	
Advertising	23.71	
	$ 63,302.69	
Same Carried to 1949	$ 57,591.59	

Asphalt Tennis Courts - Lincoln & Messenger's Meadow

Balance from 1946		$ 1,121.55
Expenditures:-		
Contractor	$ 1,095.00	
Unexpended Balance	$ 26.55	

Backstop - Lincoln Playground

Appropriation		$ 900.00
Expenditures:-		
Backstop	$ 539.00	
Balance to 1949	$ 361.00	

Boy Scout Cabin - Repairs

Transferred from, "Fire Loss - Boy Scout Cabin"		$ 350.00
Expenditures:-		
Repairs	$ 335.00	
To,"Mt. Hood Park Receipts"	$ 15.00	

Canopy - Backstop at Messenger's Meadow

Appropriation		$ 420.00
Transferred to,"Ski School - Mt. Hood Park"		100.00
		$ 320.00
Expenditures:-		
Canopy	$ 219.00	
Unexpended Balance	$ 101.00	

Dedication - "The George W. Rogers Memorial Hall"

Transferred from, "Ell Pond Wall - Repair"		$ 300.00
Expenditures:-		
Plaque	$ 25.00	
Music	25.00	
Printing Programs - Etc	155.97	
	$ 205.97	
Balance to 1949	$ 94.03	

Ell Pond Wall - Repair

Balance from 1947		$ 1,996.00
Transferred to, " All Other Expenses"		1,500.00
Transferred to, "Dedication-"The Geo.W.Rogers M.Hall"		300.00
		$ 196.00
Expenditures:-		
Advertisments for Bids	$ 4.80	
Balance to 1949	$ 191.20	

Fire Loss Receipts - Boy Scout Cabin

Balance from 1947		$ 886.50
Transferred to,"Boy Scout Cabin-Repairs"		350.00
Balance to,"Mt.Hood Park Receipts"		$ 536.50

Flagpoles - Paint (One Coat)

Appropriation		$ 125.00
Expenditures:-		
Paint Flagpoles	$ 125.00	

Golf Maintenance & Operation

Appropriation from,"Mt. Hood Park Receipts"		$ 19,000.00
Refunds		44.73
		$ 19,044.73
Expenditures:-		
Services	$ 12,083.86	
Bonds - Insurance	449.01	
Printing - Advertising	29.60	
Golf Supplies	436.53	
Automotive & Insurance	576.29	
Tools - Supplies - Repairs	394.52	
Fertilizer - Fungicides	116.96	
Aggregate Materials	428.63	
Water - Service	1.80	
Laundry - Soap - Towels	416.61	
Repairs - Buildings & Shelters	65.34	
New Equipment	402.71	
"	$ 15,401.86	
Balance to,"Mt.HoodRcpt	$ 3,642.87	

Hallowe'en - Fourth of July Celebrations & Christmas Decorations

Appropriation		$ 800.00
Expenditures:-		
Fourth of July Celebration	$ 218.50	
Hallowe'en Party	292.00	
Christmas Decorations	87.04	
	$ 597.54	
Unexpended Balance	$ 202.46	

Holidays - Labor Vacation & Insurance

Appropriation		$ 2,800.00
Expenditures:-	$ 2,025.72	
Unexpended Balance	$ 774.28	

Hockey Rink Gravel Fill and Repairing

Balance from 1946	$ 780.12
Same Carried to 1949	

Land - Playgrounds

Carried from 1946	$ 500.00
Same Carried to 1949	

New Car

Carried from 1947	$ 1,000.00
Same Carried to 1949	

New Equipment

Carried from 1946		$ 196.50
Same Carried to 1949		

New Rink - Ell Pond

Balance from 1947		$ 92.44
Expenditures:-		
Aggregate Materials	$ 33.75	
Water Service	12.04	
	$ 45.79	
Unexpended Balance	$ 46.65	

Operation - Recreation Building

Appropriation from ," Mt. Hood Park Receipts"		$ 4,500.00
Expenditures:-		
Services - Insurance	$ 2,590.15	
Electricity	231.10	
Fuel Oil - Service	647.91	
Printing - Advertising	21.22	
Janitor & Building Supplies	555.21	
Water - Service	108.24	
Repairs	177.67	
	$ 4,331.50	
Balance to," Mt. Hood Park Receipt	$ 168.50	

Replace Boat (One) - Ell Pond

Appropriation		$ 175.00
Expenditures:-		
Boat - Oars - Express	$ 132.23	
Unexpended Balance	$ 42.77	

Patching Roadways, Etc., Mt. Hood Park

Balance from 1946		$ 39.60
Appropriation		100.00
		$ 139.60
Expenditures:-		
Aggregate Materials	$ 87.12	
Balance to 1949	$ 52.48	

Recreation Building - Ell Pond

Balance from 1937		$ 2,811.71
Same Carried to 1949		

Repairs - Bathhouse

Balance from 1946		$ 62.36

Ski School - Mt. Hood Park

Appropriation Transfer from,"Canopy Backstop-Messenger's		$ 100.00
Expenditures:-		
Printing	$ 5.50	
Sessions - Films	33.40	
	$ 38.90	
Balance to 1949	$ 61.10	

Swings - Lebanon Playground

Appropriation.....		$ 325.00
Expenditures:-		
Swings, Express, Etc.,.....	$ 284.52	
Balance to 1949.....	$ 40.48	

W.P.A. Projects - Parks & Playgrounds

Balance from 1941.....		$ 4,530.42
Same Carried to 1949		

REPORT OF PINE BANKS PARK

To his Honor, The Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

As Superintendent of Pine Banks Park, I herewith submit the following report for the year 1948.

A new program was started at the Park this year, under the supervision of Pine Banks Park employees. A model aeroplane club has been organized under the name of "Pine Banks Park Piston Pushers". The group meet Monday nights at the park to get instructions on the building of their planes and to do work on them. The club flies at the ball field on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. These manuvers attract a large crowd every week-end. The club is made up of local boys whose ages range from 10 to 50 years of age. In July, the Pine Banks Park Piston Pushers held an open meet which had 162 entries from all parts of New England. This event was witnessed by close to 7000 people. Prizes for the meet were donated by the Chamber of Commerce of Malden and Melrose. Businessmen of both cities also donated prizes. In October there was a meet for club members only. Approximately 4000 attended.

Movies for the children is another feature of the Park. All summer pictures were shown at the ball field. Each performance was attended by 1500 children and their parents. Due to the fact the expenses for this project was not in the 1948 budget, the businessmen of both cities contributed the sum of $350.00 to carry this program on until our budget for 1949 came through. During the winter months these movies are shown at the Coolidge School in Melrose on Tuesday afternoon and at Gay Auditorium, Malden High School on Friday evenings. Melrose has 500 and Malden 900 in attendance at each performance.

In August an R.C.A. movie projector and screen was purchased by the park through a special appropriation. Up to this date Pine Banks Park had the use of a projector loaned to us by Joseph E. Henry, Principle of the Shurtleffe School of Chelsea.

The victory gargens having been done away with in 1947 a new baseball and softball fields were built. These fields were ready for use in the spring of 1949. This new addition of fields will give the park 3 baseball and 2 softball diamonds.

Baseball was very popular and the fields were in great demand. The Clubs using the fields were, Melrose Y.M.C.A., Melrose Legion, St. Mary of Melrose, Melrose V.F.W., Malden All Vets, Oak Grove B.B.C., and Sacred Heart B.B.C. of Malden. The North field was used extensively by the Church

Leagues of both cities. Softball was played on the Archery field by many business houses of the both cities. All fields were in use every night of the week.

The fireplace and Log cabin were used by school groups and family gatherings.

Malden and Melrose High School girls field hockey teams used the park for their scheduled games.

Malden High School football team used the park field for their practice games before going to Florida.

The roads of the ball field and the front avenue of the park were resurfaced by the city of Melrose Public Works Department.

Park employees assisted Melrose during several storms during the winter when their plows were in the repair shop.

The corner of Sylvian Street was cleared by the park employees. Trees and brush were removed and some fill has been put in.

The zoo was a great attraction to all who visited the Park. Four rhesus monkeys and pheasants were purchased by the park. Three new racoons were also added. These racoons were captured by Supt. Cray on Highland Avenue in Malden.

In the greenhouse 3600 plants were raised and placed out in the rock garden in the spring. Received many compliments on the beautiful display at the entrance to the Park.

A new tractor and gang mower were purchased by the park. This new equipment saves much time in cutting grass at the ball fields. The tractor is also used to bring large logs from the woods. A great many man hours were save by this new machine.

To the Police Dept. and all other departments of both cities, I wish to thank them for their assistance and fine co-operation in my efforts to make Pine Banks Park a bigger and better department. Many thanks also to the Park Trustees and my employees for their generous assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

George F Cray

Superintendent of Pine Banks Park

Report of Pine Banks Park 1948

Cash on hand December 31, 1948 in the First National Bank Savings Department, as shown by Pass Book #15223--$626.14

Appropriations		
City of Malden-regular		$5655.00
" " " -special		1187.50
" " " -carried over from 1947 for Ball Field		783.85
		$7626.35
City of Melrose-regular	$5505.00	
" " " -special	1187.50	
" " " -carried over from 1947 for Ball Field	783.85	7476.35
Appropriation total both cities		$15102.70
Expenditures		
City of Malden wages	$4354.40	
City of Melrose wages	4204.53	
Expenditures for special items		
Ball Field	1556.00	
Power Mower	2050.00	
Moving Picture Machine	325.00	
Sundry Bills		
Telephone	84.31	
Electricity	23.20	
Insurance-regular	327.06	
" -Dump Truck	132.94	
Taxes-water	29.31	
Auto expenses	454.70	
Hardware & Misc. Supplies	652.68	
Feed for animals-coal-oil and seed	609.03	
Ice for drinking fountain	8.72	
Office supplies & Misc.	53.84	
Repair to Lodge	100.00	
Typewriter	121.13	
Total Expenditures	$15086.85	$15086.85
Unexpended Balance		15.85
Total		$15102.70

Malden unexpended $8.29
Melrose unexpended 7.56
$15.85

Robert A Hodgdon
Treas.

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 8, 1949

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 29 of the Revised Ordinances, I respectfully submit the Annual Report of the Melrose Police Department, for the year ending December 31, 1948.

Number of duty calls	58002
Number of telephone calls	6904
Number of radio calls	4202
Number of ambulance calls	506

Arrests for the year 1948

Crimes against the person

Assault and Battery	10 Males	0 Females
Assault & Battery w/dangerous weapon	1 Male	0 Females
Total	11 Males	0 Females

Offenses against property

Breaking & Entering & Larceny	1 Male	0 Females
Larceny	8 Males	0 Females
Evading fare	3 Males	0 Females
Using Motor Vehicle w/o authority	3 Males	0 Females
Total	15 Males	0 Females

Offenses against public order

City Ordinance violation	6 Males	0 Females
Drunkenness	59 Males	2 Females
Motor Vehicle violations	90 Males	4 Females
Traffic violations	27 Males	4 Females
Insane	3 Males	3 Females
Operating M.V. under influence	10 Males	0 Females
Non-support	8 Males	0 Females
Violation of probation	11 Males	0 Females
Stubborn child	0 Males	1 Female
Registering bets on speed of horse	1 Male	0 Females
Contempt of court	1 Male	0 Females
Illegitimate child	2 Males	0 Females
Habitual absentee	0 Males	1 Female
Lewdness	2 Males	1 Female
Neglect of children	1 Male	0 Females
Failure to restrain dog	1 Male	0 Females
Railing & Brawling	0 Males	1 Female
Lewd & Lascivious cohabitation	1 Male	2 Females
Keeping unlicensed dog	0 Males	1 Female
Setting fires in open without permit	5 Males	0 Females
Disturbing assembly of people	2 Males	0 Females
Default	1 Male	0 Females
Indecent Exposure	1 Male	0 Females
Total	232 Males	20 Females

Arrests on Warrants	47
Arrests without Warrants	242
Total	289
Males	267
Females	22
Minors	5
Delinquents	16
Residents	133
Non-residents	156
Insane Male	4
Insane Female	3
In Court	374
Number of Cases	490
Assisted in Arrests	88
Accidents reported	361
Ambulance cases	506
Automobiles stopped and warned	743
Automobiles tagged (581 3-Way summonses issued out of 2088 tags)	2088
Buildings found open	347
Cases investigated	2426
Dead bodies found	4
Defective streets and sidewalks	38
Defective wires	3
Disturbances surpressed	18
Dogs killed	3
Fire alarms attended	124
Fire alarms given	12
Fires extinguished without alarm	8
Lanterns hung in dangerous places	69
Letters delivered	205
Lost children restored	45
Notices served	40
Sick and injured persons assisted	113
Street lights reported out	285
Street obstruction reported or removed	7
Summonses Served	560
Visits to libraries	204
Water leaks reported	3
Traffic duty	15323
Special messages	222
Extra duty	101
Dog bites	3
Dead animals	16
Vacant houses	3397
Autos stolen	9
Autos recovered	11
Amount of property recovered in city	$10326.66
Amount of property stolen in city	$ 6273.00
Lost property returned to owner	$ 8824.21

At the present time the Auxiliary Police are inactive as police officers. However they are still active as an organization and I know they are ready and willing to assist in any emergency that might arise.

Respectfully submitted,

George D. MacWilliams

George D. MacWilliams,
Captain in Charge,
Melrose Police Department

REPORT OF PROPERTY VALUATION BOARD

To his Honor, the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Property Valuation Board submits herewith its annual report for the year 1948. During the year the following parcels of land were disposed of.

Lot No.	42-43	Bay State Road	$ 300.00
Lot No.	59	Derby Road	250.00
Lot No.	40-41	Beaumont Street	200.00
Lot No.	68-69-70-71-76-77	Derby Road	1,525.00
Lot No.	79-80-84-87-88-89-90	Boston Rock)	
Land	24 acres	Boston Rock)	
Lot No.	2	Mt. Vernon Street)	
Lot No.	3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-)	)	4,000.00
	12-13-14-15-16-19-22)	Wyoming Park)	
	23-24-25-26-27)	)	
Lot Part No.	51	Holland Road	100.00
Lot No.	1-2-3	Sylvan Street	200.00
Lot No.	51-52-53	Lebanon Street	500.00
Lot No.	42-43-44	Beaumont Street	150.00
Lot No.	A	Lebanon Street	1.00
Lot No.	66-67	Ledgewood Avenue	600.00
Lot No.	G-6	Oxford Street	300.00
Lot No.	7-8-9	Ash Street	100.00
Lot No.	B	Park Street	500.00
Lot No.	36-37	Beaumont Street	250.00
Lot No.	A	Park Street	500.00
Lot No.	E	Upham Street, rear	25.00
Lot No.	15	Linwood Avenue	300.00
Land		Cor. Lebanon-Park St	900.00
Lot No.	72-73-74-75	Derby Road	1,000.00
Land	1¼ acres	Swains Pond Avenue	1,300.00
			$13,001.00

Respectfully submitted,

Roger W. Brown

Malcolm G. Fillmore

Chairman

REPORT OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

February 2, 1949

To His Honor the Mayor and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen of
the City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Trustees of the Public Library submit their report for 1948.

Respectfully,

Hugh Nixon

Chairman

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR OF 1948

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Hugh Nixon, Chairman

William L. Carney

Edwin W. Lundquist

Melvin H. Nicholls

Elisabeth M. Perkins

Elinor H. Tibbetts

THE LIBRARY STAFF

Helen Anderson, Librarian

Barbara G. Mason, Assistant Librarian

Caro F. Nims, Children's Librarian

Margaret Lorenz, Cataloger

Gene R. Hanks, Reference Librarian

Violet E. Bostwick, Circulation Librarian

Mary E. Ayers, Highlands Branch Librarian

Rhoda M. Parmenter, General Assistant

Joan M. Trumbly, General Assistant (Children's)

Edwin W. Allen, Building Custodian

CREDITS AND DEBITS FROM APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS AND FINES

	Credits	Debits	Balance Dec. 31, 1948
Salaries and wages	$25,329.00	$25,004.64*	$ 324.36
Other expenses	1,575.00	1,571.64	3.36
Books and periodicals	7,525.00	7,522.59	2.41
Fuel and light	1,700.00	1,688.30	11.70
Building and janitor's supplies	2,800.00	2,799.36	.64
Binding	1,200.00	1,197.83	2.17
New equipment	500.00	494.01	5.99
Additional lighting	1,100.00	1,097.66	2.34
Remodeling-children's room,etc.	3,425.00	3,157.64	267.36 (to 1949)
Fines	2,980.52	1,500.00	1,480.52
	$48,134.52	$46,033.67	$2,100.85

*Includes $425.00 transferred to other accounts.

INCOME AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM FUNDS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE CITY TREASURER

	Balance Jan. 1, 1948	Income	Disbursements	Balance Dec. 31, 1948
William E. Bailey fund	$2,844.58	$ 50.00		$2,894.58
William E. Barrett fund	194.38	1.50		195.88
Horatio N. Perkins fund	634.56	10.00		644.56
Duplicate library fund	145.51	127.38	216.81	56.08
	$3,819.03	$188.88	$216.81	$3,791.10

INCOME AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM TRUST FUNDS OF WHICH THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY ARE TRUSTEES

	Balance Jan. 1, 1948	Income	Disbursements	Balance Dec. 31, 1948
Sarah A. Chever fund	$ 620.56	$12.46		$ 633.02
Jabez S. Dyer fund	1,009.96	20.29		1,030.25
(Melrose Savings Bank)	100.00			100.00
(Melrose Trust Co.)				
Sarah E. Odlin fund	2,359.64	47.42	76.81	2,330.25
	$4,090.16	$80.17	$76.81	$4,093.52

LIBRARY STATISTICS ACCORDING TO AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FORM

Name of library	Melrose Public Library
City and state	Melrose, Massachusetts
Name of librarian	Helen Anderson
Date of founding	1871
Population	27,754
Number of agencies	Main library, 1 branch, 3 stations in schools, school-rooms, sanitarium
Number of days open during the year	295
Hours open each week	Main library 66 (10 months); 55 (2 months)
Number of volumes at beginning of year	55,317
Number of volumes added by purchase	4,251
Number of volumes added by gift	730
Number of volumes withdrawn	3,154
Number of volumes at end of year	57,144
Circulation of books	146,951
Number of registered borrowers	9,188

It is a great pleasure to report that very substantial progress has been made in the Library Department during 1948. Because of the interest shown by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, as evidenced in the amount of money appropriated for library use, it was possible to grant modest salary increases and also to make some very desirable improvements in the main library building. This was done in such a way as not only to improve the appearance of the building inside and out, but also to provide additional facilities.

A new children's room was equipped in the basement, with attractive coloring and good lighting and a separate entrance, for the use of children below high school age. This gave the young children a room by themselves, in keeping with approved library practice, and made the first-floor room, which they had previously used, available for another purpose; namely for the exclusive use of young people of high school age. This new room for high school students has been equipped with new and much-improved lights and has been re-painted. It makes it possible to give the high school students a room separate from that used by adults, which is a good arrangement for both age groups.

The reading room on the southeast corner of the building, formerly used by both adults and high school students, has been completely refurnished with furniture of a type that would be found in a home or hotel or club, so as to make the room a very comfortable and attractive place in which adults can read. This room has been re-painted, and improved lights have been installed.

The above were the major building improvements during the year, but also should be mentioned the painting of the outside of the building, the replacement of ornamental lights at the front entrance, and various minor painting and lighting jobs in parts of the building not previously mentioned.

The users have very much appreciated the improvements made in 1948, and the Board of Trustees thanks the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen for their interest which made the improvements possible.

Looking ahead to 1949, the Board of Trustees would like to continue the progress started in 1948. They would like to bring the salary schedule for librarians at least up to the level that is now being paid for beginning librarians who have the approved preparation. Right now our library salaries are below usual beginning rates for those with approved professional training.

We would like in 1949 to complete the re-painting of the inside of the main library building and would also like to do some painting in the rooms used for library purposes in the Lincoln School, the Ripley School, and the Winthrop School. Also, we would like to make a little further improvement in respect to adequate lighting.

The Public Library is something like a good store, in certain respects. The stock in trade is books, of course, and a library needs a constant in-flow of good books which will be satisfying to citizens. Moreover, the good books, like the good merchandise in a store, must be served to customers by people who know the books, who can judge the needs of the customers, and who can help them with their reading problems, and do it all in a friendly way which enriches community life in our city. In addition, also as in a store, the appearance of the library must be attractive, which is done by means of furnishings and lighting and painting and display. Therefore, it is important that a public library have plenty of good books, serviced by trained and pleasing librarians, all in an attractive atmosphere.

The Board of Trustees hopes very much that the continued interest of the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen will help in providing good library service, which is an important part of the cultural assets of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Hugh Nixon

Hugh Nixon, Chairman,
Board of Trustees

To the Trustees of the
Melrose Public Library:

CAN A LEOPARD CHANGE ITS SPOTS?

The library leopard did change its spots-three large ones, two on the main floor, one in the basement. Not only were appearances changed, but functions of the three rooms also. The reference room became a browsing or reading room for adults, the old children's room became a room for high school students and others wishing to consult encyclopedias, dictionaries and the like, and a dingy basement storage room became a brightly lighted and gaily painted children's room.

The obvious change in the reading room is, of course, the furnishing with lounging chairs and couches covered in leatherette of dark red, olive green and blond shades, end tables, coffee table and bookcase for new books. The moving into prominence of the beautiful Chaloner grand-

father clock, a gift to the Library some years ago, is another noticeable change that is a delight to everyone. Equally appreciated are the fluorescent lights and fresh green paint in the two main rooms.

So much for the obvious. One purpose behind this move was to create a space where new books could remain easily accessible longer. The entire reading room is devoted to the current books most conspicuously placed,with a good selection of books acquired within a year on shelves beneath. Current magazines and a few special collections such as beautifully illustrated books, the gift of Mr. Kemp, add further temptation to tarry awhile.

High school students, as a second result, have been given a "place in the sun" without having to crowd out adults. During busier evening hours students are required to use the reference room, leaving the browsing room for the older readers. High school supplementary reading collections have been placed in the study room. Vocational information and college catalogs are conspicuously displayed there.

CHARACTER OF LIBRARY DEFINED

The Melrose Library is a small city library on the fringe of some of the outstanding large libraries of the country. Extensive research facilities are not expected in Melrose. A live, usable, basic collection should be expected. By live we mean a comprehensive selection of current publications and older books that circulate; by usable, we mean some standard material on practically all subjects as a basic collection.

With that definition in mind we have discarded hundreds of outdated and unused books,old reports, periodicals, and valueless material. When possible, reports and magazines were sent to places where there was use for them. All titles were checked with standard library guides and advice was taken from experts or specialists. Many interesting specimens of early writings have been kept in our stack room in the basement; among them a number of valued sets of the writings of American statesmen.

WAY CLEARED FOR NEW CHILDREN'S ROOM

Finally,everything was moved out of the southeast basement room but the dust. Painters cleaned and painted with bright yellow and a chinese green shelf trim. Carpenters whipped shelves into shape and built a side entrance. Electricians installed fluorescent lights. The books were moved down and children began to use the new room the Friday before Labor Day.

Again,the physical change and the satisfaction of having a separate room for children are not all. Naturally, more books were borrowed-a total increase of over 6500 for the city-but more were bought-over 1400 for the main and branch children's collections in 1948.

And advertising. Nothing is ever as effective as personal telling. Mrs. Nims visited 80 classrooms,taking with her several books to review each time. The books went out! Often a good book, but a shelf sitter, will move after being described. Fifteen classes visited the library to learn about books, and several Brownie troops enjoyed library tours.

Who borrows? Out of 3,225 public and parochial school children in the first eight grades in the city,2,516 are registered at the library.

Mrs. Nims introduced a quiz program into the children's room. Each week a box with a slot bears a new question. Children look up the answer in the various encyclopedias, write it and their name on a slip and drop it in the slot. Names of those giving correct answers are posted the following week-honors for super-answers. Try to discontinue it and there is a deluge of demand.

Movies on Saturday mornings were continued with the sustained interest of the children, thanks to the Lions Club projector. Close to 3,000 children brought the attendance slightly above that in 1947. Mrs. Nims' tiny tot story hour entertains pre-schoolers too young for the movies.

Music hours for the younger children were planned during July and August by Miss Josephine Durrell. Besides Miss Durrell, Miss Jean Hersey, Mrs. Hortense Williams, and Mr. Wendell S. Withington gave some Saturday mornings to help children learn to appreciate music. The Lions Club record player proved an excellent aid. The librarians express their thanks to these friends for their generosity.

WHAT BOOKS ARE BORROWED?

What are the grown-ups reading? Of course fiction leads with over 55,000. Surprisingly in non-fiction the fine arts lead with 4,800, which include photography, sports, building, gardening besides strictly "art". This figure tops literature and biography which follow closely in the 4,000s. Historical, technical and travel books come next, all in the 3,000s. Religious, sociological and scientific books were borrowed less but each showed an increase over 1947. Ahead of all book records, over 8,000 magazines were taken out for home reading. Children borrowed nearly another thousand. Total 1948 circulation for the city was 146,951.

Mrs. Bostwick reports that with the NEW LOOK in the library,she and Miss Parmenter have added new touches here and there, such as new name plates to identify the librarians at their desks. They hope that no patron will leave the library without making his wants known. Even though a book is lacking in the Melrose collection, it quite probably may be borrowed from a neighboring city or from the State Library Division collection. In 1948 we borrowed 108 books and loaned 42.

Miss Parmenter, in charge of registration records, reports that there were 1,771 new borrowers in 1948, making a total of 9,188 for the city.

INFORMATION OR REFERENCE WORK

To get person and book together Mrs. Hanks watches for a chance to help the hesitant. Reference questions, she estimates, average about fifteen a day on such diverse subjects as snowflakes, beri-beri, Caesar's campaigns, pictures of cherubs, or novels with Siberian backgrounds. Genealogical and biographical data on Melrose citizens have been occasionally requested by out of state people.

Another move! Pamphlet filing cases have found more convenient

space on the main floor. Contents have been enlarged in many fields, especially industries, occupations, house decoration, and foreign countries. Bulletins from the Department of Commerce, the Women's Bureau, and Department of Agriculture have been added. The Hon. Angier L. Goodwin has supplied copies of bills and other needed items.

About thirty travel agencies have contributed travel posters attractive leaflets and maps upon Mrs. Hanks' request.

Publicity has been greatly aided by our local papers. The Melrose Free Press faithfully prints Mrs. Hanks' library book review column,and has furnished several illustrated feature articles. The Melrose Leader publishes our lists of new books and on several occasions has given excellent space for articles.

The Tall List of new books has grown shorter in height and less frequent in appearance. In 1948 two were issued, each covering six months periods.

AT MELROSE HIGHLANDS

Miss Ayers reports that about 880 books were added to the Highlands branch library, 340 juvenile, 540 adult. Of the adult, about half were fiction and half non-fiction. High School book report titles, were revised, the collection now totalling 340. At book week 180 new children's books were on display. 92 books were gratefully received as gifts from interested patrons. Books now at Highlands number 5,169. Circulation was 21,814 of which 12,450 were adult, 9,364 juvenile. A new twenty-drawer card catalog cabinet was an outstanding purchase of 1948.

THE SCHOOL ROOM BRANCHES

Miss Mason, supervisor of branches in school buildings, notes with pleasure increased use of those branches-2,677 more books borrowed than in 1947, or 27,089 in 1948 against 24,412 in 1947. Mrs. Pearl Rawding at Ward 7 reported a circulation of 10,874; Mrs. Ethel Perkins at East Side showed nearly a thousand increase, mostly juvenile books, a total of 8,524;Mrs. Alice Waterworth in her first year at Wyoming had a juvenile increase of nearly 900. Adult figures remained practically the same as in 1947 with a total of 7,691. The children at Wyoming are showing a gratifying interest and demanding more and more books. Each of the three branches had an average of 25 new books to display during Book Week.

Several patrons have showed their interest at East Side and at Wyoming branches by contributing decorations and posters. One interested patron, Mr. Frank Waterhouse, has even become the Wyoming Library Custodian with many helpful suggestions. Mrs. Rawding furnishes an active link between the Ward 7 library and the Ward 7 Neighborhood Association.

THE BOOK COLLECTION

It is always a pleasure to report the work of Mrs. Margaret Lorenz, our cataloger, and her able part-time assistant Mrs. Audrey Bergmann, for their quiet figures speak volumes: volumes added by purchase 2,792, volumes withdrawn 2,727, offset by 707 additional volumes presented as gifts. All this means card work and advertising in new lists and on

bulletin boards and on the weekly new book table where patrons pause to look over the additions. Records and inventory and constant revision keep up the smoothness of the work. New guide cards have been completed to the letter P in the alphabet. About 1,000 books have been rebound during the year.

GIFT BOOKS

We should like to enumerate by name all the friends who have donated books to the library, but shall have to limit ourselves to an outstanding gift which amounted to hundreds of excellent books gathered by Mr. Edwin C. Kemp from various parts of the world, now shared with the citizens of Melrose. A number of books have been given in memory of friends, among them two sets from Mr. Fred W. R. Bradford, in memory of his wife,a volume in memory of Mr. Lester Giles from Mrs. E. H. Holmes, one in memory of William A. Tuttle from Evelyn and Harold Holmes, and Mrs. Frank Buckley, and several in memory of Annie M. Blanchard by her sister, Mary Anna Blanchard.

THE STAFF

Only two changes occurred in full-time assistants:Miss Elva Nelson, who had been reference librarian for three years, was replaced by Mrs. Gene Hanks in May. Mrs. Helen Brown, general assistant for a year, was replaced by Miss Joan Trumbly who is assistant in the Children's Department.

A good working staff of part-time people includes Mrs. Audrey Bergmann assistant to the cataloger,and the following High School students: Beverly Daly, Sally Gardner, Edward Gradijian, Elaine Hammerstrom, Donald Morrison, Katherine Shepherd, Jean Tibbetts, Fay Wayne, Donald Wheeler, Leona Willett.

At Highlands Branch: Jane Chisholm, Priscilla Day, Beverly George, Elizabeth Griffeth.

At the branches in schools are the following assistants: East Side, Mrs. Ethel Perkins; Ward 7, Mrs. Pearl Rawding; Wyoming, Mrs. Alice Waterworth.

Numerous group meetings have been held in the lecture room and in the art room during the year.

Our gratitude is extended to Mrs. Brenton R. Lutz for giving her time to conduct the popular Art Class on Wednesday mornings.

During National Art Week in November, the Art Committee of the Melrose Woman's Club attracted many visitors to an open house designed to show the contents of the Mary A. Livermore art room.

ARCHIE GITTES EXHIBIT

Prize winning paintings of Archie Gittes, displayed in the lecture room, were a feature of Art Week. Archie Gittes, an artist of international standing, had recently returned to Melrose from Europe. His work won prizes in four successive years, 1942-1945 in Majorca, Spain.

RAUHA RIIHONEN

Paintings of Rauha Riihonen, Melrose commercial artist, were enjoyed for several weeks in the main reading room.

Camera Club exhibits are a regularly anticipated event with the print of the month selected by members.

The arrangements Committee of the Melrose Garden Club, headed by Mrs. Warren Trask, contributed beautiful Autumn and Christmas arrangements among others.

The Librarian, as in other years, has had interesting meetings with several groups, circles and organizations, talking on books and the library.

This year special commendation is due the trustees for their vision for making changes and their courage in carrying them through. The librarians appreciated the Open House which the Board of Trustees gave in honor of the City Officials on November 21. We are grateful that the Mayor and Aldermen supported our board in their program.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Anderson

Librarian

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Board of Public Welfare herewith submits its report for the year ending December, 1948.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY M. CUSHMAN, CHAIRMAN
Harry E. Dearborn
John W. Huse
Gladys E. Menten
Vivian B. Adams

Mrs. Anne J. Richards resigned from membership on the Board in June, 1948 in order to return to work in the department as a social worker and Mayor Thistle appointed Mrs. Vivian B. Adams for a three year term to fill the vacancy.

There was not a great deal of public welfare legislation passed in 1948. A special commission has been studying public welfare laws for two years and their report will be filed with the General Court on April 1, 1949. Their recommendations are expected to revise drastically the method of financing public assistance and will no doubt be the subject of considerable debate during the 1949 legislative session.

The expense of the department was considerably increased as a result of the cost-of-living upward adjustment of 8.3 percent in old age assistance and aid to dependent children grants put into effect on October 1,1948. Persons in nursing or boarding homes were excluded from this adjustment.

In terms of numbers of recipients old age assistance continues to be by far the most important of three categories of public assistance. Massachusetts has had an old age assistance law since 1931 and the caseload has increased steadily. By 1942, 380 persons in Melrose were receiving assistance. During the next three years the number declined so that in 1945 only 323 persons were on the rolls. With the end of the war, the upward trend resumed and there were 430 active cases at the end of December, 1948. The increase during 1948 was somewhat less than we

anticipated which leads us to believe that we may be nearing the normal peak load for old age assistance in a city of the size and type of Melrose. However, this trend would be disturbed if there should be a change in the law lowering the age or otherwise liberalizing the conditions of eligibility. Similarly the employment market and general economic conditions influence the number receiving and the amount expended on old age assistance.

During 1948 we received a total of 142 applications for old age assistance. These were acted upon as follows:

101 approved
17 denied
15 withdrawn
9 pending as of Jan. 1, 1949

As in previous years, a decided majority of the approved applications were from women - 76 as opposed to 25 from men. This proportion is observed in the total of cases being aided: in December, 1948 we had 326 women and 104 men on old age assistance. The majority of the applicants were over 70 and the only significant change is perhaps the fact that in 1948 the applications of 22 persons aged 65 were approved, while in 1947 only 6 applications were approved for persons of this age.

The principal cause of denial or withdrawal of applications was possession of resources in excess of the amount allowed under the law, viz., $300.00 in savings, or stocks and bonds. The applicant may also, under certain conditions, own limited amounts of life insurance and real estate. He may have income other than old age assistance but this is taken into consideration in determining the amount of his assistance grant.

Where do the people on old age assistance live? In September, 1948 there were 24 persons receiving care in nursing homes; 95 were living in the homes of sons or daughters; and 46 (23 couples, both of whom were receiving aid) had their own homes. The remaining 264 were situated in various ways; some were fortunate in being able to live in a family setting with distant relatives or friends; others lived in single rooms taking all or most of their meals in restaurants. If facilities are available, many of the women prefer to do their own cooking. Many aged persons will put up with considerable hardship in order to maintain their "independence". Even though more suitable accomodations are available they will often insist upon living alone and they have, of course, the right to do so.

As noted above, the income of an old age assistance recipient must be taken into consideration in determining the amount of his grant. Of the 429 receiving aid in September, 1948, a total of 108 have income from other sources as follows: from relatives, 47, from Old Age and Survivors Insurance, 27, and from various sources such as private pensions and rentals, 34. 321 had no support other

than their old age assistance grants.

The average grant under old age assistance was $56.68 in December, 1948. The table below indicates, however, that the greatest number of recipients (102) receive between $40 and $50 per month. This is the usual grant a person receives who is living in the home of a son or daughter and has no other income. Approximately one-fourth of our recipients do live with their children. The distribution of payments for December is as follows:

Under $20	13
$20 - $29.99	16
$30 - $39.99	54
$40 - $49.99	102
$50 - $59.99	79
$60 - $69.99	56
$70 - $79.99	47
$80 - $89.99	22
$90 - $99.99	13
Over $100	17

Most of those in the highest bracket are in nursing homes.

The Federal Social Security Act makes several requirements of a state plan for old age assistance or aid to dependent children. One of them is that an applicant denied assistance or a recipient dissatisfied with the amount of the grant shall have the right to a 'fair hearing' before an impartial appeal board set up by the State Department of Public Welfare. During 1948, seven old age assistance recipients appealed - all for the reason that they wished higher grants. Four of these appeals were denied by the State Department and the other three were withdrawn by the appellants before the hearing was scheduled.

During 1948, 76 old age assistance cases were closed for the following reasons: 41 died, 18 moved from Melrose, and 17 became ineligible - 13 because of increased income or return to employment and 4 because of admission to state hospitals or other institutions.

Massachusetts has had an aid to dependent children law since 1913 - at that time it was called Mother's Aid and was restricted to widowed mothers with young children. Since the advent of the Federal Social Security law the program has broadened in scope, so that relatives other than the mother are eligible and the mother need no longer be widowed. An analysis of the applications received for this category of assistance in 1948 will illustrate this vividly. A total of 18 applications were received and 14 of these (representing 27 children) were approved. Only one of the approved applications was from a widowed mother. In seven cases the father had deserted or for other reason failed to support; in three cases the children were living with grandparents and in one with an uncle because their own parents were either dead or unable to give them care and support. The other two applications were from women whose husbands were either mentally or physically incapacitated.

Twelve of the 24 families receiving aid to dependent children in December, 1948 had partial support from other sources - for example, 4 have monthly pensions from Old Age and Survivors Insurance.

The average assistance grant for aid to dependent children was about $90.00 for the month of December, 1948. This is considerably less than the state-wide average although the same budget is in effect in all cities and towns. It is probably explained by the fact that we have a large number of one or two child families and a good number of cases with some income or resouces in addition to aid to dependent children. It is sometimes said that families enjoy such good living under the present aid to dependent children program that there is no inducement for them to try to become self-supporting once more. Perhaps this is true in some instances but not in the majority. Ten cases were closed during 1948 - four of them because of increased income (older children beginning to work, etc.); two for the reason that the husbands who had been physically incapacitated recovered their health and returned to work; two because the mother remarried and the stepfather assumed responsibility for the child; one because the children were no longer under the care of the originally approved parent; one because the family moved to another city.

The average number of cases per month on general relief has not varied a great deal but we have had a sharp increase in the number of persons who ask for help with medical expenses only. Most of the general relief recipients are single and incapacitated for work by reason of mental or physical infirmity. During 1948, however, 34 general relief cases were opened and 35 were closed. Many received aid for brief periods due to temporary unemployment or special needs. A material change in the person's economic circumstances was the reason most frequently recorded for closing a case.

We are at the present time supporting seven dependent children who are in the custody of the State Division of Child Guardianship since there are no parents or relatives available to provide suitable homes. In addition there are four men at Tewksbury State Hospital for whom we are financially responsible.

The income from the A.C.Marie D. Currier Fund was used to provide Christmas checks for all the children and some of the aged - especially for those elderly people who have no close relatives to remember then with small gifts now and then. The George Emerson Fund is being used to provide special needs and a number of people have benefitted under this fund who have never before received any form of public assistance.

ASSISTANCE CASE LOAD

MONTH	OLD AGE ASSISTANCE Individuals	AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN Families	GENERAL RELIEF Non-Families	GENERAL RELIEF plus Families
JANUARY	412	22(48)[1]	21	6(21)[2]
FEBRUARY	415	20(42)	24	5(28)
MARCH	416	20(43)	26	5(23)
APRIL	418	25(52)	24	4(20)
MAY	422	24(55)	22	3(12)
JUNE	418	27(59)	22	7(25)
JULY	417	27(54)	23	6(24)
AUGUST	426	24(51)	22	4(17)
SEPTEMBER	429	27(55)	26	4(16)
OCTOBER	419	26(54)	24	5(29)
NOVEMBER	425	26(54)	22	4(20)
DECEMBER	419	24(49)	21	5(25)

1. No. of children in these families
2. No. of persons in families including adults and children.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1948

EXPENDITURES

	City Funds	Federal Funds	TOTAL
Administration:			
Salaries	$ 7882.11	$ 3641.11	$ 11523.22
Other Expenses	1198.29	397.75	1596.04
General Relief	25789.77		25789.77
Old Age Assistance	160000.00	109660.16	269660.16
Aid to Dependent Children	21927.10	6917.38	28844.48
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	$216797.27	$120616.40	$337413.67

RECEIPTS

	City Appropriation	Federal Grants Balance 1947	Federal Grants 1948 Receipts	TOTAL
Administration:				
Salaries	$ 7933.50	$ 515.60	$ 3722.15	$ 12171.25
Other Expenses	1200.00		397.75	1597.75
General Relief	25800.00			25800.00
Old Age Assistance	160000.00	779.49	113769.49	274548.98
Aid to Dependent Children	22000.00	739.04	6822.30	29561.34
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$216933.50	$ 2034.13	$124711.69	$343679.32 *

* Unexpended balance of $6265.65

GENERAL RECEIPTS (Credited to Estimated receipts of City)

	State	REIMBURSEMENTS Other Cities	Individuals	TOTAL
General Relief	$ 3145.45	$ 3257.45	515.30	$ 6918.20
Old Age Assistance	105785.89	2540.47		108326.36
Aid to Dependent Children	8305.90	——— /	———	8305.90
TOTAL	$117237.24	$ 5797.92	515.30	$123550.46

/ Settlement law does not apply in ADC

EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEARS 1941 - 1948 INC.

FEDERAL AND CITY FUNDS COMBINED

	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
Administration:								
Salaries	5704.09	8867.18	8912.26	7990.67	8196.58	9670.95	10871.48	11523.22
Other Expenses	1496.45	1179.30	1057.77	951.38	923.72	1008.99	1226.79	1596.04
General Relief	74156.81	47300.24	25934.66	22026.97	19882.95	20996.87	22943.16	25789.77
Old Age Assistance	128165.31	142614.86	141333.61	147588.89	151375.58	183921.33	228337.17	269660.16
Aid to Dependent Children	26491.67	19995.67	15509.91	15026.02	14580.23	17945.93	24490.04	28844.48
TOTAL	236014.33	219957.25	192748.21	193583.93	194959.11	235544.07	287869.54	337413.67

REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

The forty-eighth annual report of the Public Works Department is submitted herewith.

The Year of 1948 was one of the busiest years ever experienced by the Public Works Department - every division of the department produced more work than in any year since the depression of 1932.

I shall endeavor to give a short resume of the work by each division and a general picture of the work undertaken by the Department as a whole.

HIGHWAY DIVISION

This division, headed by John B. Simonds, started the year with more snow to remove and more storms to combat than in any year in the entire history of the City, a total snow accumulation of approximately 110 inches. The work was carried on with promptness and despatch in each instance with the help of our two snow loaders, and the able assistance rendered by local contractors, as well as the regular City personnel.

After the snow had been cleared and the final debris had been swept away, the division got into its regular work of repairing streets building streets, placing sign posts, putting in driveways, caring for the City trees, traffic painting, and many other kindred duties necessary in maintaining the service standard demanded by our citizens.

The division also handles the collection of rubbish, garbage, and ashes on a rigid schedule throughout the entire year.

Our Public Works Garage, under the direction of James R. Findlay and operating most intimately with the Highway Division, maintains at a minimum cost all the motorized equipment in the Public Works Department, Welfare Department, the Building and Health Departments. The total number of vehicles serviced and maintained is approximately sixty and includes cars, trucks, tractors, trailers, rollers, snow loaders, leaf loader, sand loader, compressors, pumps, etc..

The Yard maintains a storage and supply department for tools, equipment, stock, gasoline, and oil. Also we maintain a public weighing service and painting and carpentry shop for general maintenance.

This division is an efficient operating unit, able to adapt itself to any emergency confronting the Department and has demonstrated its ability to carry on under the most trying circumstances.

SEWER DIVISION

The general increased activity shown by the other divisions of the Department similarly was in evidence in the Sewer and Drain Division headed by Assistant Superintendent, S. Hale Harding.

There were two kindred factors which caused this increase. The first was the completion of the new Eastside Trunk Sewer Extension, and the second was the general increase in home building throughout the City.

The new trunk sewer, which drains the entire area south of Upham Street, east of Sixth Street, and northeast of Swains Pond Ave. was completed and turned over to the Department in the latter part of September. This was the largest of the sewer extensions for which the City must ultimately provide, and though it involved an expenditure of approximately $140,000, the benefit gained by this area more than offsets the cost. The total length of the trunk is 5,831 linear feet, and in addition there are 1,800 linear feet of force main in Upham Street running from the Pumping Station to Ardsmoor Road. The Pumping Station itself, situated on the southerly side of Upham Street at the Saugus line, is of the most modern design, both mechanically and architecturally and will render efficient and economic service to the area for which it is designed.

The second factor causing an increase in the work of this division was, as stated before, a general increase in home building. Melrose like every other City is experiencing a boom of no small proportion, and new houses mean new services of all descriptions, one of the most important being sewers.

In order to accommodate this new construction the City laid sewer mains in 17 streets, aside from the streets sewered by the trunk and laid in 118 new house connections, these connections alone amounted to approximately 6,000 linear feet of pipe.

These items are only part of the work performed by the Division. The entire surface drainage system, its maintenance, extensions and inspection demand constant attention the year round. Sewer cleaning both of mains and house connections require the skill and fortitude, to say nothing of time both day and night of several members of the division. Repair and replacement of stock and equipment, so as to be ready for the many minor and sometimes major emergencies, are in themselves items of no small importance.

These and many other duties are met and taken care of by this division as a matter of course because they realize that it is their duty to help maintain the health of the City of Melrose.

WATER DIVISION

This division, headed by Assistant Superintendent Harry Martin, has had a year of exceptional activity. General extension of the system, due to new areas opened up for development, was greater in 1948 than in any year since 1927. The greatest extension was of 8" pipe, 3,913 linear feet of this size were laid to serve the new streets in the various developments throughout the City. The next largest extension was of 12" pipe, this was laid in Upham Street and Wildwood Road and will have a dual capacity of serving both as a main-line pipe and part of the belt system. There were also 955 feet of 6" pipe, 532 feet of 10" pipe, and 78 feet of 2" pipe laid to serve as extensions to our present system.

One of the greatest problems confronting this division is that of relaying worn-out pipe. Each year a desperate effort is made to replace old pipe with new cast iron pipe. This past year we were able to replace 2,353 linear feet.

In conjunction with these new extensions, the division was required to lay new house connections and place new meters on these services; also many new houses were built in areas already served by water mains, and these, to, required new services, and as a result a total of 129 new house services were installed during the past year.

The division's other responsibilities consist of leak repairs, meter repairs, meter reading, hydrant flushing and repairing, old service cleaning and repairing, and general inspection of the entire system, including main lines, gates, hydrants, meters, etc., with an eye to improve the efficiency and service to the home owner.

It might be added here that the division provides a 24 hour service, 365 days a year, so that any emergency from the Police Department, Fire Department, or any citizen receives prompt and complete attention.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

This division, supervised by Assistant Engineer Edwin H. King is by far the smallest unit in the Public Works Department.

The accelerated pace of the Department was very much in evidence in this division. This, of course, is an obvious fact when one considers the general nature of the work done by the Engineers. Here all the planning and designing must originate, whether it be streets, sewers, water lines, or buildings. Each division looks to the Engineers for its plans, designs, and estimates before the work is done; the lay-out and engineering counsel during the progress of the work, and the final plans and assessments at the end of the job.

The Engineers also render service in one way or another to other Departments of the City, such as the School, Park, Building, Cemetery, and at times even the Police and Fire Departments.

During the year the traffic and traffic meters on Main Street took a great deal of time.

Accident cases are another item that require the time and attention of this division.

Work for the Mayor, the Planning Board, Board of Health and Board of Aldermen is a matter of routine to be met and fitted into the daily work.

There are many other projects that come within the scope of this division and in each case they are given proper attention.

EMPLOYEES

This was another year of unsettled labor conditions and it being the desire of the majority of the hourly-paid employees, the forty-hour work-week was adopted on April first with the same basic take-home pay which these employees had been receiving for a forty-four hour week. This established a fundamental base labor rate for common laborers of $1.04 per hour.

TRAFFIC

Early in January a Traffic Committee was appointed by the Mayor comprising the following men:

Wm. B. Alexander	Rotary Club
Joseph T. Cefalo	Chamber of Commerce
Chester M. Cummings	Board of Aldermen
Sidney C.Field	Chief Fire Dept.
George MacWilliams	Capt. Police Dept.
Edgar A. Perry	Lions Club
Edward F. Riley	Planning Board
Glen S. Weeks	Eng. & Supt. Pub. Works Dept.

This Committee sat regularly, once a week, from the middle of January to the middle of June, and reconvened again in the Fall, and in addition spent considerable time on the ground in the inspection of areas being considered for traffic improvement. The major traffic problem, the Main Street area between Essex and West Foster Streets, was given the greatest amount of attention, and resulted in a full report of the development of the so-called Dill's Court area.

The recommendation of this Committee relative to parking meters in the central business section was accepted by the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen, and at the Mayor's request this Committee gave its recommendation as to the desirable parking meter to be installed.

The full attendance and great amount of outside time devoted to this Committee work is an evidence of the interest that the members had in the problems assigned. This is a further evidence of the great amount of voluntary assistance which is contributed for the benefit of Melrose.

Co-operation is the keynote of the entire Public Works Department and because of this the City and its citizens reap benefits in work, services, personal attention and time saved which could not be obtained if this spirit was lacking.

Respectfully submitted

Engineer and Superintendent
Public Works Department

Water Construction.

Budget		$30000.00	
B. of A. Orders		10045.28	
			$ 40045.28
Expended:-			
Meters Set		1146.92	
Services		6813.58	
Main Line -			
Apple Hill Road	$ 51.55		
Arlington Road	938.88		
Beaumont Street	1107.41		
Beech Avenue - Gate	53.16		
Bellevue Avenue - Relay	883.25		
Bratley Street	365.66		
Bancroft Road	4557.66		
Coolidge Road	5432.06		
Derby Road	787.58		
Ellis Farm Road	1767.47		
Franklin Street	154.67		
Hillside Avenue - Relay	887.16		
Linwood Avenue	217.22		
Lynn Fells Parkway	2056.58		
Orchard Lane	959.13		
Oxford Street	877.88		
Porter Street	88.68		
Porter Street - Relay	3357.95		
Simonds Road	167.50		
South Mountain Avenue	537.69		
Slayton Road	89.59		
Stillman Road	2006.31		
Upham Street	52.50		
Whitman Avenue	1617.18		
Wildwood Road	401.12		
Woodcrest Drive	2653.70		
		32069.54	40030.04
		Balance	15.24

Water Construction-Special Account.

Balance from 1947	15.82	
From Post War Rehabilitation	25000.00	
		25015.82
Expended:-		
Apple Hill Road	193.46	
Bancroft Road	897.04	
Coolidge Road	493.08	
Ellis Farm Road	511.57	
Orchard Lane	1089.03	
Simonds Road	190.85	
Upham Street	13363.37	
Washington Street	2932.43	
Whitman Avenue	1056.97	
Wildwood Road	2366.78	
Woodcrest Drive	1921.24	25015.82

Cost of Water System.

Cost of System to January 1, 1948	$1106942.17
Expended - 1948	65045.86
Cost of System to January 1, 1949	1171088.03

Water Inside Services - Working Account.

Budget	$ 4000.00	
B. of A. Orders	3000.00	7000.00
Expended:-		
Payrolls	4484.94	
Stock, Trucks & Overhead	2492.65	6977.59
	Balance	22.41

Water Inside Services - Accounts Receivable.

Accounts Due - January 1, 1948	1406.05	
Committed - 1948	4175.72	5581.77
Less - Receipts 1948		5348.45
Accounts Receivable - January 1, 1949		233.32

Water Inside Services - Deposit Account.

Balance January 1, 1948	150.00	
Deposits	8397.00	8547.00
Expended:-		
Cost of Work	3234.66	
Refunds	1472.34	4707.00
	Balance	3840.00

New Water Meters.

Budget	2200.00	
Credit from other accounts	1033.45	3233.45
Expended:-		
Invoices		3227.14
	Balance	6.31

Water Rates - City of Malden.

Budget	313.16
Expended:	
Invoices	313.16

Water Maintenance - Accounts Receivable.

Accounts Receivable - January 1, 1948		$ 1.00
Committed - 1948		53.00
		54.00
Less - Cash Receipts		33.00
Accounts Receivable - January 1, 1949		21.00

Water Maintenance.

Budget		$38500.00	
B. of A. Orders		5000.00	
Cash Receipts		1976.31	
			45476.31
Expended:-			
Sundry Expense-			
Stationery & Printing	$ 234.25		
Envelopes & Postage	766.12		
Billing Machine service fee	123.12		
Water Association Dues	18.00		
Machine Ribbons	12.80		
Stencils	29.03		
Other Items	21.08		
Carfares	10.25		
		1214.65	
Materials-			
Purchases	41557.65		
Stock Labor	640.03		
	42197.68		
Less - Credits received	35993.36		
		6204.32	
Hydrants		2287.92	
Main Line		2982.76	
Meters - Read	5252.70		
Remove & Repair	1774.95		
		7027.65	
Services		11556.02	
Relay -			
Bellevue Avenue	2329.58		
Hillside Avenue	1324.71		
Mt. Hood Terrace	157.05		
Porter Street	3980.83		
Upham Street	4502.75		
Whitman Avenue	1468.34		
Wildwood Road	391.44		
		14154.70	45428.02
		Balance	48.29

Highway Repairing.

Budget	$34000.00		
Cash Receipts	150.00	$34150.00	
Less - B. of A. Orders		1250.00	$32900.00
Expended:-			
Material - Purchases	2790.39		
Credits by receipts	1038.10		
		1752.29	
Guard Rail & Fencing		413.09	
Minor Repairs		792.72	
Street Resurfacing		4887.20	
Street Signs & Numbers		2185.81	
Tar Curb		2868.98	
Tar Patching		13622.83	
Traffic Painting		19.50	
Minor Charges		644.59	
Other Items -			
Deliver Ash Cards	149.48		
Parking Meter installations	534.74		
Street Cleaning	579.40		
		1263.22	
Repair by Streets -			
Bay State Road	123.15		
Beech Avenue	359.92		
Essex Street	315.10		
Lebanon Street	29.05		
Main Street	2450.57		
Pine Banks Park	1031.07	4308.86	32759.09
		Balance	140.91

Highway Repairing - Accounts Receivable.

Accounts Receivable - January 1, 1948	269.97
Less - Cash Receipts	82.69
Accounts Receivable - January 1, 1949	187.28

Traffic Signs and Markings.

Budget			3000.00
Expended:-			
Labor		1790.62	
Trucks & Overhead		387.33	
Invoices		775.37	2953.32
		Balance	46.68

Highway Construction.

Budget	30000.00	
Unexpended Balances	6822.26	36822.26
Less - B. of A. Orders		36395.00
	Balance	427.26

Summary of Net Expenditures - Highway Construction.

Chapter 90		$21207.76
Larchmont Road - Cr.	#5449	910.97
Lincoln Street	5763	9937.33
Mountain Avenue	6602	6252.21
Orchard Lane	5107-a	47.67
Porter Street	5107	2231.61
Webster Avenue	5869	5204.79
		45792.34

Parking Meter Maintenance.

B. of A. Order		$40.00
Expended:-		
Payrolls	$ 369.60	
Overhead	63.51	
Invoices	48.69	481.80
	Balance	358.20

Automotive - S. & Wages.

Budget	800.00	
Receipts from use of Equipment	9938.00	10738.00
Expended:-		
Payrolls		10733.20
	Balance	4.80

Automotive - Other Expense.

Budget		400.00	
Gasoline Tax Refund		540.57	
Receipts from use of Equipment		27483.22	28423.79
Expended:-			
Repairs & Parts		8801.48	
Gasoline		7221.13	
Supplies		2657.94	
Oil, grease & alcohol		1845.56	
Tires & Tubes		1852.41	
Battery Care		664.55	
Telephone		144.18	
Garage Rent		146.00	
Heat, Light & Bldg. Maintenance		1643.94	
Insurance		1883.17	
Hired Equipment		1067.00	
Sundries - Inspection	$ 23.50		
Registrations	89.00		
Stationery	42.02		
Water Rates	3.40		
Other Items	.50	158.42	28085.78
		Balance	338.01

Summary of Automotive Accounts.

Receipts from use of Equipment		$37421.22
Expended:-		
Salaries & Wages	$10733.20	
Other Expenses	28085.78	38818.98
Net Cost of Operation above receipts		1397.76

Summary of Net Expenditures - Purchase of Mechanical Equipment.

New Equipment	16716.65
Snow Loader	13164.92
Bucket Loader	2002.50
Garbage Truck	1652.75
	33536.82

Overhead Expense.

Budget		2000.00	
Net Credits Received		25260.45	27260.45
Expended:-			
Salaries & Wages		1562.44	
Trench Lighting - Labor	$2435.56		
Sundries	1862.96	4298.52	
Tools		7839.99	
Blacksmith		2410.13	
Payroll Liab. Insurance		9311.92	
Stationery & Printing		256.62	
Sick Leave		505.32	
Holiday		529.50	
Sundries		61.64	26776.08
		Balance	484.37

City Yard - S. & Wages.

Budget	2300.00	
Less - B. of A. Order	100.00	2200.00
Expended:-		
Payrolls	2106.86	
Invoices	62.87	2169.73
	Balance	30.27

City Yard - Garage Addition.

Balance 1947	15784.91	
From Post War Rehabilitation	8500.00	
B. of A. Order	2000.00	26284.91
Expended:-		
Payrolls	477.70	
Trucks & Overhead	354.56	
Invoices	25359.20	26191.46
	Balance	93.45

City Yard Improvement.

Budget	$ 2000.00	
B. of A. Order	2000.00	$ 4000.00
Expended:-		
Payrolls	1453.81	
Trucks & Overhead	233.06	
Invoices	2305.50	3992.37
	Balance	7.63

Street Lighting.

Budget		35600.00
Expended:-		
Invoices		35595.58
	Balance	4.42

Snow Removal and Sanding.

Tax Levy	70000.00	
B. of A. Order	10000.00	80000.00
Expended:-		
Plowing	15388.72	
Removal	42049.45	
Sanding	9840.39	
Overhead	3983.93	
Sundries	1946.78	73209.27
	Balance	6790.73

Insurance.

Budget	7500.00	
Less - B. of A. Order	400.00	7100.00
Expended:-		
Invoices		7082.37
	Balance	17.63

Holidays.

Budget	5600.00	
B. of A. Order	247.25	5847.25
Expended:-		
Payrolls	5179.70	
Insurance - Payroll Liab.	667.55	5847.25

Sick Leave.

Budget	4000.00	
B. of A. Orders	3700.00	
Cash Receipts	929.10	8629.10
Expended:-		
Payrolls	7823.73	
Insurance - Payroll Liab.	805.37	8629.10

Vacations.

Budget		$ 7684.00	
B. of A. Order		400.00	$ 8084.00
Expended:-			
Payrolls			7777.78
		Balance	306.22

Pensions.

Budget		13500.00	
Less - B. of A. Order		1000.00	12500.00
Expended:-			
Payrolls			12483.95
		Balance	16.05

Sewer & Drain Construction.

Budget	$ 41000.00		
B. of A. Order	15100.00		
Unexpended Balances	1849.50	57949.50	
Less - B. of A. Orders		45291.99	12657.51
Expended:-			
Material - Purchases	6932.34		
Receipts	10465.24		
Net Credits		3532.90*	
Sewers-Coolidge Road	70.52		
Ells Avenue	2285.81		
Upham Street	645.70		
Whitman Avenue	1975.48		
Woodcrest Drive	1457.06		
		6434.57	
Drains-Altamont Avenue	176.40		
Bay State Road	120.75		
Forest Street	2879.24		
Porter Street	5118.25		
Slayton Road	1055.15		
Washington Street	108.72		
Wheeler Avenue	9.25		
		9467.76	
Sundry Items		86.26	12455.69
		Balance	201.82

Summary of Net Expenditures - Sewer Construction.

General Account				6434.57
By Orders-#6570	Coolidge Road		3553.30	
6984B	E.Side Trunk		113525.12	
5868	Ells Avenue		2657.70	
6571	Echo St. etc.		4341.76	
7334	Elliott Street		1139.71	
7847	Goss Avenue		15465.78	
7806	Grove Street		1615.14	
7571	Mt.Hood Terrace		8442.52	
7609A	Upham Street		4493.25	
6870	Whitman Avenue		1679.28	
7609	Woodcrest Drives etc.		10308.69	167222.25
			Total	173656.82

Cost of Sewerage System.

Cost of System to January 1, 1948	$1237605.35
Expended - 1948	173656.82
Cost of System to January 1, 1949	1411262.17

Cost of Surface Drainage System.

Cost of System to January 1, 1948	643165.73
Expended - 1948	9467.76
Cost of System to January 1, 1949	652633.49

Private Sewers - General Account.

Budget	$ 4000.00	
B. of A. Order	6750.00	10750.00
Expended:-		
Payrolls	6704.76	
Trucks, Overhead & Stock	3941.97	
Invoices	60.30	10707.03
	Balance	42.97

Private Sewers - Accounts Receivable.

Accounts Receivable - January 1, 1948	1536.50	
Committed - 1948	6946.59	8483.09
Less - Receipts 1948		8340.52
Accounts Receivable - January 1, 1949		142.57

Private Sewers - Deposits.

Balance - 1947	325.00	
Deposits - 1948	14955.00	15280.00
Less :-		
Cost of Work	6435.76	
Refunds	3154.24	9590.00
	Balance	5690.00

Sewer Maintenance.

Budget	4300.00	
Less - B.of A. Orders	2250.00	2050.00
Expended:-		
Payrolls	845.45	
Stock, trucks & overhead	197.81	
Invoices	960.81	2004.07
	Balance	45.93

Sewer Connections - General Account.

Budget	$ 400.00		
B. of A. Order	1000.00		
Receipts from used connections	198.88	$ 1598.88	
Less - B. of A. Order		418.49	$ 1180.39
Expended:-			
Payrolls		648.37	
Stock, Trucks & Overhead		271.22	
Invoices		231.00	1150.59
		Balance	29.80

Sewer Connections - E. Side & South E. Section.

B. of A. Orders		1428.84
Expended:-		
Payrolls	523.42	
Stock, Trucks & Overhead	250.17	773.59
	Balance	655.25

Sewer Connections - South E.Section.

Budget	600.00	
Less-B. of A. Order	510.35	89.65
Expended:-		
Payrolls	59.54	
Stock, Trucks & Overhead	30.11	89.65

Surface Drain Maintenance.

Budget	12500.00	
Less - B. of A. Order	2400.00	10100.00
Expended:-		
Payrolls	5361.40	
Stock, Trucks & Overhead	1438.43	
Invoices	3266.18	10066.01
	Balance	33.99

Continuous Walks - General Account.

Budget	15270.00		
B. of A. Orders	500.00		
Unexpended Balances	3850.57	19620.57	
Less - B. of A. Orders		17812.80	1807.77
Expended:-			
Short Street		266.00	
Trenton Street		344.47	
Washington Street		749.03	1359.50
		Balance	448.27

Summary of Net Expenditures Continuous Walks.

General Account			$ 1359.50
By Orders-#6272	Ashmont Street	$ 113.59	
6839	Brunswick Park	68.29	
6946	Dyer Avenue	765.80	
6579	Foster Street - East	44.20	
6747	Garden Street	175.06	
6646	Laurel Street	29.67	
7044	Lebanon Street	3513.21	
7810	Park Street	588.71	
7586	Short Street	604.53	
6871	Trenton Street	3530.12	
6872	Washington Street	2514.88	
6580	Waverly Avenue	282.57	
6908	Willow Street	1837.02	14067.95
		Total	15427.45

Individual Walks - Working Account.

Budget	2000.00	
B. of A. Order	3000.00	5000.00
Expended:-		
Labor	749.84	
Stock, Trucks & Overhead	4231.72	
Invoices	18.27	4999.83
	Balance	.17

Individual Walks - Deposits.

Balance - 1947	255.00	
Deposits - 1948	3551.00	3806.00
No Refunds		
	Balance	3806.00

Individual Walks - Accounts Receivable.

Accounts Receivable - January 1, 1948	1984.76
Less - Cash Receipts - 1948	1946.37
Accounts Receivable - January 1, 1949	38.39

Repair of Walks.

Budget		10000.00	
Less - B. of A. Order		500.00	9500.00
Expended:-			
Material - Purchases	$ 25030.93		
Receipts	25002.67	28.26	
General		8603.19	
Sodding Expense		.46	8631.91
		Balance	868.09

Care of Trees.

Budget	$ 11000.00	
Less - B. of A. Order	500.00	$10500.00
Expended:-		
Payrolls	5062.68	
Stock, Trucks & Overhead	1334.99	
Invoices	4080.93	10478.60
	Balance	21.40

Plant New Trees.

Budget		900.00
Expended:-		
Labor	585.45	
Stock, Trucks & Overhead	314.55	900.00

Collection of Ashes and Rubbish.

Budget	30000.00	
B. of A. Order	1900.00	31900.00
Expended:-		
Ash Collection	18358.73	
Ash Schedules & Delivery	493.70	
Level Dump	3576.52	
Paper Collection	8400.00	
Payroll Liability Insurance	1003.12	
Sundries	67.69	31899.76
	Balance	.24

Collection of Garbage.

Budget	32000.00	
B. of A. Order	200.00	32200.00
Expended:-		
Payrolls	24071.61	
Stock, Trucks & Overhead	6142.92	
Invoices	1942.22	32156.75
	Balance	43.25

Collection of Garbage - Accounts Receivable.

Accounts Receivable - January 1, 1948	605.06	
Committed - 1948	10174.40	10779.46
Less - Cash Receipts		8791.96
Accounts Receivable - January 1, 1949		1987.50

Street Cleaning.

Budget		$ 12000.00
Expended:-		
Payrolls	$ 6860.57	
Stock, Trucks & Overhead	1724.80	
Invoices	3370.24	11955.61
	Balance	44.39

Traffic Survey.

Tax Levy		250.00
Expended:-		
Invoices		165.57
	Balance	84.43

Public Works Salaries & Wages.

Budget	18410.00	
B. of A. Order	250.00	18660.00
Expended:-		
Payrolls	17435.98	
Liab. Insurance	9.87	17445.85
	Balance	1214.15

Public Works Other Expense.

Budget			950.00
Expended:-			
Supplies		201.91	
Stationery & Printing		171.99	
Postage		5.40	
Telephone		384.73	
Sundries-Dues	$ 10.00		
Expenses - Travel	29.70		
Execuphone Repairs	15.25		
Reports	1.20		
Subscriptions	3.00		
Typewriter Maint. (3)	24.40		
Desk Lamp	24.00		
Desk - (Exchange)	45.00		
Lettering	7.00		
Other Items	6.27	165.82	929.85
		Balance	20.15

Engineers Salaries & Wages.

Budget	9311.00	
Less - B. of A. Orders	1200.00	8111.00
Expended:-		
Payrolls	7263.13	
Liab. Insurance	89.05	7352.18
	Balance	758.82

Engineers Other Expense.

Budget			$ 1100.00
Expended:-			
Use of Car		$ 471.00	
Supplies		337.77	
Sundries - Prints	$ 22.83		
Recording	3.63		
Notary Fee (King)	5.00	31.46	840.23
		Balance	259.77

City Hall Salaries & Wages.

Budget		5147.00	
Less - B. of A. Order		100.00	5047.00
Expended:-			
Payrolls		4901.33	
Liab. Insurance		136.60	5037.93
		Balance	9.07

City Hall Other Expense.

Budget		7000.00	
B. of A. Order		60.00	7060.00
Expended:-			
Supplies		448.07	
Alterations & Repairs		1769.42	
Gas		24.40	
Electricity		1332.53	
Fuel		2373.01	
Telephone - National Guard		96.81	
Towel Care		95.74	
Water Cooler		60.00	
Sundries - Decorations	41.00		
Coin Lock	3.30		
Water Rates	127.06		
Fill Vase	40.00		
Disinfecting service	3.00	214.36	6414.34
		Balance	645.66

City Hall - Counter Building Comm. Office.

Balance - 1947	400.00
Expended:-	
Invoices	384.12
Balance	15.88

REPORT OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

January 31, 1949.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The report of the Registrars of Voters for the year 1948 is herewith submitted.

As required by law, the Registrars made lists of persons twenty years of age and older found to be residing in Melrose on January 1, 1948. The number of persons listed was as follows:-

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	3-2	4-1	4-2	5-1	5-2
1,211	1,378	1,575	1,715	1,255	1,284	1,385	1,428	1,451	1,641

6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3	TOTAL
1,527	1,211	971	1,134	679	19,845

Concurrently with the annual listing a determination was made of the population of the city as of January 1, 1948, as follows:-

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	3-2	4-1	4-2	5-1	5-2
1,644	1,939	2,217	1,338	1,736	1,823	1,829	1,975	2,038	2,329

6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3	TOTAL
2,086	1,696	1,404	1,677	1,023	27,754

Lists containing the names of all male persons twenty years of age and older found by the Registrars to be residing in the city on January 1, 1948, to the number indicated below, were transmitted to the assessors, as required by law:-

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	3-2	4-1	4-2	5-1	5-2
553	621	743	767	564	582	566	638	666	755

6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3	TOTAL
700	556	447	536	326	9,020

Questionnaires were sent to 400 persons appearing to have the qualifications for jury service. Of these 323 were found to be so qualified and their names were included in the jury list prepared for the year beginning July 1, 1948, and posted and published as required by law.

The names of 227 enrolled voters of the Democratic and Republican parties were determined by the Registrars to be qualified for service as election officers and a list containing such names was transmitted to His Honor, the Mayor, as required by law.

Applications for registration for voting were received during regular business hours, except for the periods preceding the Presidential Primaries, the Special City Election held on the question of a bond issue for the Hesseltine Avenue School, the State Primaries and the State Election when registration was required to cease by law, and at fifteen special evening sessions. By vote of the Board of Aldermen,

with the approval of His Honor, the Mayor, as provided by section 29B of Chapter 51 of the General Laws, no sessions for the registration of voters were held in the several wards of the city preceding the State Election. During the year the names of 2,216 persons applying to register and found to be qualified were added to the general and current annual registers of voters.

The names of 1,172 persons found to be no longer qualified to vote by reason of removal from the city, death or other causes were stricken from the register of voters.

The number of voters included in the current annual register of voters as of December 31, 1948, was:-

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	3-2	4-1	4-2	5-1	5-2
1,047	1,116	1,379	1,426	1,102	1,077	1,105	1,299	1,199	1,263

6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3	TOTAL
1,236	1,070	834	924	508	16,635

In addition to the above, 8 residents of Melrose serving in the armed forces were qualified, either on direct application or on application of their kindred, for voting by absent voting ballot at the state election, making the total number of persons qualified for voting 16,643.

The ratio of duly registered voters to population was 59.94%.

Signatures of persons appearing on nomination papers of candidates to be voted for at the Presidential Primaries, State Primaries and State Election were certified as being those of duly qualified voters of the city of Melrose to the number of 6,305.

The names of 387 persons appearing on initiative petitions were certified as being those of duly registered voters of the city of Melrose.

The names of 367 persons making application for absent voting ballots for the state election (including 22 persons serving in the armed forces) were certified as being those of duly registered of qualified voters of the city of Melrose.

Following the State Election a recount was made of the votes cast in the several precincts of the city for the office of Congressman 8th Congressional District.

The total number of sessions held by the Registrars during the year 1948 was 44.

The sum of $331. 50 was received for 663 copies of the street lists sold during the year.

Charles E. Holt
Charles E. Holt, Chairman

Fergus W. Griffin
Fergus W. Griffin

Edward J. Murphy
Edward J. Murphy

Raymond H. Greenlaw
Raymond H. Greenlaw, Clerk

BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

REPORT OF CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

To His Honor the Mayor and the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City Hall, Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Retirement Board of the Contributory System of the City of Melrose respectfully submits its 12th annual report covering the transactions of the System for the year ended December 31,1948.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Donovan ..... Chairman

Robert L. Hutchinson

Martin J. Armstrong ..... Secretary

Board of Retirement

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM

CITY OF MELROSE

Statement of Income and Disbursements
for the year ended December 31,1948

Amount of ledger assets December 31,1947		267,419.12
INCOME		
From members:		
Regular Contributions:		
Group A	21,363.75	
Group B	5,972.00	27,335.75
Voluntary additional contributions:		
Group A	736.79	
Group B	44.40	
Late entry Payments	467.67	1,248.86
Re-deposits:		
Group A		1,200.28
Transfer of members' accounts from other systems:		
Group B	89.30	89.30
From Employer:		

Contributions to Pension Fund	22,074.89		
Contribution for expenses	700.00	22,774.89	
From Interest:			
Gross interest on bonds and dividends on stocks, less $0.00 accrued interest on bonds acquired during the year:	8,301.25		
Gross interest on deposits in trust companies and banks	36.00	8,337.25	
Accrued interest on bonds, December 31, 1948		2,740.50	
Accrued interest Savings Banks, December 31, 1948		18.00	
Gross increase, by adjustment, of ledger assets			
Bonds, by amortization	2,93		
Stocks	75.00	77.93	
Total Income			63,822.76
TOTAL AVAILABLE RECEIPTS			331,241.88

DISBURSEMENTS

Annuity payments:			
Regular; Group A	771.42		
Group B	16.61	788.03	
Ordinary and accidental disability:			
Group A	305.15		
Group B	37.05	342.20	
Additional on account of voluntary contributions			
Group A	1.89	1.89	
Annuity payments of deceased annuitants:	1,202.37	1,202.37	
Pensions Payments:			
Group A	14,454.93		
Group B	420.54	14,875.47	
Ordinary and accidental disability pension payments Group A	3,878.50		
Group B	3,052.94	6,931.44	
Refunds:			
Withdrawals from annuity Savings Fund:			

All others:	Group A	2,261.63		
	Group B	5,419.34	7,680.97	
Interest:	Group A	288.61		
	Group B	750.04	1,038.65	
Administrative Expenses:			693.13	
Accrued interest on Bonds, December 31,1947			2,487.66	
Gross decrease, by adjustment, of ledger assets:				
Bonds, by amortization		141.05		
Stocks		180.00	321.05	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS				36,362.86
Ledger Assets December 31,1948		BALANCE		294,879.02

ASSETS

Book Value of:			
Bonds	266,592.37		
Stocks	20,645.00	287,237.37	
Deposits in trust companies and banks not on interest		3,083.15	
Deposits in trust companies and banks on interest		1,800.00	292,120.52
Accrued interest on Bonds not in default		2,740.50	
Accrued interest on other Assets		18.00	2,758.50
Total Ledger Assets			294,879.02
Total Admitted Assets			294,879.02

LIABILITIES

Annuity Savings Fund	147,098.50
Annuity Reserve Fund	14,468.27
Special Fund for Military Service Credit	4,918.60
Pensions Fund	128,169.48
Expense Fund	224.17
Total Liabilities	294,879.02

SCHEDULE OF BONDS - DECEMBER 31,1948

	Percent	Due	Par Value	Actual Cost	Book value Dec. 31,48
United States Savings,Series G.	2½	July 1955	$3,000.00	$3,000.00	$3,000.00
" " " " "	2½	" 1956	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
" " " " "	2½	Feb. 1957	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
" " " " "	2½	June 1957	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
" " " " "	2½	Feb. 1958	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
" " " " "	"	July 1958	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
" " " " "	"	March1958	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
" " " " "	"	Dec. 1958	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
" " " " "	"	Feb. 1959	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
" " " " "	"	Feb. 1959	24,000.00	24,000.00	24,000.00
" " " " "	"	July 1959	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
" " " " "	"	Oct. 1959	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
" " " " "	"	Nov. 1959	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
" " " " "	"	Feb. 1960	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
" " " " "	"	Dec. 1960	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Governments			111,000.00	111,000.00	111,000.00
Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Rwy. Co.	4	Oct. 1995	3,000.00	3,218.33	3,227.70
" " " " " "	4	Oct. 1995	1,000.00	1,095.00	1,075.89
Cambria and Clearfield Rwy. Co.	4	Feb. 1955	2,000.00	2,130.00	2,058.74
" " " " "	4	Feb. 1955	1,000.00	1,050.00	1,029.37
" " " " "	4	Feb. 1955	2,000.00	2,100.00	2,058.74
Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Rwy. Co.	4	Oct. 1995	1,000.00	1,092.50	1,075.89
Chesapeake & Ohio Rwy. Co.	4½	Mar. 1992	5,000.00	6,212.50	6,121.63
Chicago Burlington and Quincy	31/8	Aug. 1985	4,000.00	4,022.40	4,021.68
Erie Railroad Co.	3⅛	Oct. 1964	5,000.00	5,250.00	5,213.42
Great Northern Rwy. Co.	2 5/8	Jan. 2010	7,000.00	6,737.50	6,741.93
" " " "	3 1/8	Jan. 2000	1,000.00	993.50	993.48
" " " "	3 1/8	Jan. 2000	6,000.00	5,961.00	5,962.02
Lexington and Eastern Rwy. Co.	5	Apr. 1965	3,000.00	3,540.00	3,437.25
" " " "	5	Apr. 1965	2,000.00	2,360.00	2,291.48
Louisville and Nashville R. R. Co.	2 7/8	Apr. 2003	5,000.00	4,925.00	4,930.28
New York Central and Hudson River R. R. Co.	3½	July 1997	5,000.00	3,962.50	4,922.90
" " " " " " " "	3½	July 1997	5,000.00	5,175.00	4,922.90
" " " " " " " "	3½	July 1997	5,000.00	5,612.50	4,922.89
Northern Pacific Rwy. Co.	4	Jan. 1997	6,000.00	6,240.00	5,974.71
" " " "	4	Jan. 1997	4,000.00	4,620.00	3,983.14

SCHEDULE OF BONDS - DECEMBER 31,1948

	Percent	Due	Par Value	Actual Cost	Book Value Dec. 31,48
Oregon Washington R. R. & Navigation Co.	3	Oct. 1960	5,000.00	5,143.75	5,109.51
Reading Co. R. R. Co.	3 1/8	May 1995	5,000.00	5,012.50	5,006.37
Southern Pacific Rwy. Co.	2 7/8	Jan. 1986	5,000.00	5,100.00	5,097.39
" " " "	2 3/4	Jan. 1996	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Texas & Pacific Rwy. Co.	5	June 2000	1,000.00	1,097.99	1,097.71
" " " "	5	June 2000	1,000.00	1,097.99	1,097.71
Virginian Rwy. Co.	5	June 2000	1,000.00	1,105.49	1,097.71
" " "	3	May 1995	5,000.00	5,335.50	5,326.31
Total Railroads			101,000.00	105,190.95	103,798.95
American Tel & Tel Co.	2 3/4	Oct. 1982	5,000.00	5,037.50	5,032.67
Boston Edison Co.	2 3/4	Dec. 1970	4,000.00	4,100.00	4,086.29
Central Maine Power Co.	2 3/4	May 1976	5,000.00	5,100.00	5,096.70
Northern Indiana Public Service Co.	3 1/8	Aug. 1973	4,000.00	4,115.00	4,100.64
Ohio Public Service Co.	2 3/4	June 1976	5,000.00	5,050.00	5,048.15
Pacific Tel & Tel Co.	2 7/8	Oct. 1986	5,000.00	5,206.25	5,194.16
Public Service Co. of New Hampshire	3	Jan. 1973	5,000.00	5,418.75	5,373.16
Seattle Gas. Co.	3 5/8	Jan. 1976	2,000.00	2,105.00	2,097.23
" " "	3 5/8	Jan. 1976	5,000.00	5,262.50	5,243.00
Wisconsin Power and Light Co.	3	Aug. 1971	2,000.00	2,137.50	2,111.98
" " " " "	3	Aug. 1971	3,000.00	3,202.50	3,167.94
Wisconsin Public Service Corp.	3	Aug. 1971	5,000.00	5,300.00	5,241.50
Total Utilities			50,000.00	52,035.00	51,793.42
Total Bonds			262,000.00	268,225.95	266,592.37

SCHEDULE OF STOCKS - DECEMBER 31,1948

	No. of Shares	Par Value per Share	Actual Cost	Market Value Dec. 31, 1948
First National Bank of Boston, Massachusetts	30	N/P	1,361.25	1,470.00
" " " " "	70	"	3,342.50	3,430.00
" " " " "	100	"	5,425.00	4,900.00

SCHEDULE OF STOCKS - DECEMBER 31,1948

	No. of Shares	Par Value per Share	Actual Cost	Market Value Dec. 31, 1948
Middlesex County National Bank	100	10.00	3,300.00	4,050.00
National Shawmut Bank	60	12.50	1,365.00	1,380.00
" " "	40	12.50	1,320.00	920.00
Newton-Waltham Bank & Trust Co.	35	10.00	1,347.50	1,907.50
" " " " "	15	10.00	990.00	817.50
Security Trust Co.	30	20.00	2,340.00	1,770.00
Total Stocks			20,791.25	20,645.00

Name	Former Position	Date of Retirement	Length of Service	Age at Retirement	Annual Annuity	Annual Pension	Total Annual Ret. Allowance	Received 1948.
Albert J. Waghorne	Ass't Supt.	Oct. 26,1937	41 yrs.	76 yrs.		1,447.50	1,447.50*	1,280.34
Charles C. Carey	Custodian	Dec. 1,1937	25	76		1,202.32	1,202.32*	1,200.38
Michael J. Hanley	Dog Officer	Sep. 28,1937	38	72		680.00	680.00*	593.32
Hattie D. Hall	Librarian	Nov. 27,1937	16	70	2.75	677.25	680.00*	593.31
Arthur A. Hayden	Bd. of Health	Dec. 19,1938	18	70	.36	232.97	233.33*	72.18
Harry M. Wilson	Lineman	Apr. 15,1938	10	63	4.72	400.10	404.82*	272.20
Frank C. Newman	Chief-Fire Dept.	Jun. 15,1939	34	73		1,598.34	1,598.34	*****634.92
Charles H. Shattuck	School Janitor	Jun. 30,1939	8	75		680.00	680.00*	593.32
Andrew W. A. Restall	Clerk	Jun. 30,1939	13	73		680.00	680.00*	593.32
Ralph Hallahan	Truck Driver	Oct. 20,1940	16	37	12.84	1,012.24	1,025.08*	995.84
John J. Keating	Registrar	Apr. 2,1941	30	70	5.53	327.80	333.33*	188.85
Everad C. Martin	Laborer	Jun. 29,1941	15	64	33.01	949.32	982.33*	946.03
George E. Stewart	Call Fireman	Dec. 3,1941	40	65	5.73	328.40	334.13*	189.73
Dennis J. Murphy	Foreman	Sep. 2,1942	39	66	88.67	1,411.33	1,500.00*	1,489.99
Arthur H. Bright	Janitor	Oct. 8,1942	6	70	42.82	637.18	680.00*	593.30
Myrtle S. Meriam	Hlth & Sch. Nurse	Feb. 16,1943	24	70	69.57	933.42	1,002.99*	970.13
Lawrence Riordan	Foreman	Mar. 25,1944	35	70	98.22	1,136.44	1,234.66*	1,205.82
Percy C. Cates	Call Fireman	May 13,1944	41	65	3.92	238.48	242.40*	82.76
Bertha C. Lapham	Clerk	Jun. 5,1944	14	70	66.55	613.45	680.00*	593.29
Victor H. Kirmes	Laborer	Nov. 28,1944	27	57	48.10	1,015.08	1,063.18*	1,040.58
Walter H. Flanders	School Physician	Mar. 24,1945	16	70	49.32	630.68	680.00*	593.32
Ross H. Werth	School Janitor	Mar. 1 ,1946	25	68	90.12	1,163.88	1,254.00	1,254.00
Fred C. Fellows	Call Fireman	Apr. 1,1946	23	57	6.96	157.68	164.64	164.64
Phillip Cassell	Laborer	May 3,1946	30	67	62.88	998.76	1,061.64	1,061.64
George H. Cray	Superintendent	Jun. 1,1946	32	66	41.16	686.52	727.68	727.68
Eugene F. McCarthy	Foreman	Apr. 3,1946	32	54	64.68	941.40	1,006.08	** 74.40
Arthur J. Burke	Laborer	Jan. 22,1947	11	60	66.60	1,047.48	1,114.08	** 66.60
Edmund M. Fahy	Laborer	Jul. 13,1947	21	69	79.92	980.28	1,060.20	1,060.20
Lillian B. Warren	Clerk	Mar. 31,1948	26	70	96.24	1,007.88	1,104.12	828.09
John E. Grace	Laborer	Jun. 30,1948	13	70	89.28	416.88	506.16	253.08
Ethel M. Spaulding	Secretary	Oct. 1,1948	25	43	58.56	288.60	347.16	86.79
Margaret E. Struzziery	Clerk	Sep. 15,1948	25	44	65.76	357.12	422.88	123.34
George K. Lyons	Patrolman	Sep. 25,1948	10	40	61.32	2,226.72	2,288.04	610.14
Paul V. DeFrance	Patrolman	May 5,1947	4	43	12.48	1,100.04	1,112.52	***1,844.93
Stephen C. Deering	Clerk	Feb. 1,1948	19	70	107.28	676.92	784.20****	1,262.42
	TOTALS				1,435.35	28,882.46	30,317.81	24,141.40

* Includes increase -Nov.1,1948

** Difference due to Compensation Offsets

*** Covers Retroactive Payment

***** Deceased 5/23/48

**** Deceased 3/2/48

SCHEDULE OF MEMBERSHIP- FOR 1948

ACTIVE MEMBERS

	Group A Male	Group A Female	Gr. B.	Members in Both Groups	Total Membership
Active Membership, Dec. 31, 1947	135	42	41		218
Enrolled during 1948	40	15	7	1	62
Transfers between groups	-2		+2		0
Transfers from inactive membership	1	1	1		3
Totals	174	58	51	1	283
Deduct, ceased by:					
Withdrawal	8	7	7		22
Retirement for:					
Superannuation	2	3			5
Accidental disability			2		2
Transfers to inactive membership	4	4			8
Total Deductions	14	14	9		37
Active Membership, Dec. 31, 1948	160	44	42		246

INACTIVE MEMBERS

Inactive Membership, Dec. 31, 1947	27	6	5		38
Retirements for:					
Superannuation	2	3			5
Accidental Disability			2		2
Transfers from Active Membership	4	4			8
Total	33	13	7		53
Deduct, ceased by:					
Death	1		1		2
Withdrawal	2	2			4
Transfer to Active Membership	1	1	1		3
Total Deductions	4	3	2		9
Inactive membership, Dec. 31, 1948	29	10	5		44

TOTAL ACTIVE AND INACTIVE MEMBERSHIP FOR DEC. 31, 1948

Total Membership Dec. 31, 1948	189	54	47	1	290

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

CITY OF MELROSE

Year Ending December 31, 1948

TABLE I

School Year	School Census	No. of different pupils enrolled in elementary schools exclusive of re-enrollment	No. of different pupils enrolled in High School exclusive of re-enrollment	Average membership in elementary schools	Average membership in High School	Average attendance in elementary schools	Average attendance in High School	No. of graduates from High School	No. of graduates from grammar schools
1923-24	3,244	2,548	790	2,423.27	803.62	2,292.52	774.46	136	239
1924-25	3,657	2,564	888	2,497.10	831.69	2,345.91	798.18	167	228
1925-26	3,700	2,645	911	2,528.00	870.46	2,356.61	841.42	177	222
1926-27	3,685	2,708	945	2,609.63	915.44	2,494.89	892.57	169	230
1927-28		2,771	1,023	2,709.62	978.06	2,562.24	943.52	183	299
1928-29		2,854	1,087	2,789.19	1,065.85	2,611.80	1,009.23	218	240
1929-30		2,970	1,116	2,877.79	1,076.33	2,714.84	1,028.85	192	251
1930-31		3,005	1,136	2,941.75	1,130.88	2,788.58	1,080.71	225	274
1931-32		3,002	1,223	2,917.76	1,206.61	2,754.75	1,150.69	249	282
1932-33		3,025	1,327	2,916.32	1,257.65	2,753.65	1,195.28	245	261
1933-34		2,990	1,359	2,894.60	1,289.62	2,727.04	1,231.48	267	286
1934-35		2,984	1,377	2,923.17	1,343.75	2,760.98	1,272.90	283	295
1935-36		2,897	1,426	2,831.15	1,371.61	2,698.33	1,311.57	285	298
1936-37		2,935	1,423	2,872.31	1,371.29	2,715.12	1,313.28	271	325
1937-38		2,923	1,438	2,827.05	1,424.60	2,678.43	1,359.30	324	308
1938-39		2,743	1.522	2,697.30	1,468.37	2,567.96	1,375 61	318	259
1939-40		2,785	1,453	2,732.18	1,429.19	2,612.83	1,363.96	331	286
1940-41		2,702	1,414	2,675.99	1,379.13	2,539.31	1,311.52	302	296
1941-42		2,695	1,392	2,610.29	1,365.20	2,464.33	1,290.64	332	320
1942-43		2,648	1,308	2,569.75	1,249.51	2,371.82	1,168.83	265	335
1943-44		2,546	1,249	2,474.18	1,216.49	2,295.41	1,135.55	288	311
1944-45		2,452	1,220	2,391.13	1,193.39	2,230.73	1,125.37	269	296
1945-46		2,532	1,223	2,447.29	1,175.46	2,287.43	1,106.65	261	325
1946-47		2,486	1,237	2,419.63	1,203.70	2,259.02	1,139.01	265	247
1947-48		2,485	1,159	2,419.45	1,133.40	2,265.17	1,070.04	283	257

TABLE II

Percentage of Pupils Belonging June, 1948, Who Failed of Promotion

Schools	GRADES 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total Av'ge Percent Failed
Coolidge	8.10	3.44	10.34	9.67	9.52	9.67	1.25	12.96	8.12
Franklin			7.46	8.33	5.	2.56			5.84
Gooch	0.00	6.06	0.00	0.00	3.03	5.26			2.39
Lincoln	5.08	0.00	7.40	2.32	5.88	0.00	7.69	3.57	3.99
Ripley	12.50	5.55	0.00	15.38	0.00	5.26			6.44
Roosevelt					14.16	2.85	1.35	2.59	5.24
Warren	5.88	8.82	0.00	0.00					3.68
Washington	3.12	0.00	3.12	3.03	0.00	14.30			3.98
Whittier	3.89	2.66							3.78
Winthrop	4.61	3.38	4.76	1.69	6.77	3.22			4.07
	5.40	3.74	4.14	5.05	5.55	5.39	3.43	6.34	4.88

Percentage of Pupils Belonging June, 1948, Who Were Conditioned

Schools	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total Av'ge Per Cent Conditioned
Coolidge	0.00	3.44	13.79	9.67	0.00	16.12	13.75	4.44	7.65
Franklin			4.47	5.55	3.33	3.84			4.30
Gooch	0.00	6.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.26			1.89
Lincoln	1.69	0.00	0.00	2.32	20.58	6.97	12.50	10.76	6.85
Ripley	0.00	0.00	9.09	7.61	0.00	15.00			5.28
Roosevelt					7.69	2.85	8.10	7.79	6.60
Warren	0.00	0.00	5.12	10.00					3.78
Washington	3.12	0.00	3.12	6.06	0.00	0.00			2.05
Whittier	6.49	8.00							7.25
Winthrop	6.15	3.38	3.17	18.64	11.86	4.83			8.01
	2.18	2.81	4.83	7.48	5.42	6.88	11.45	7.66	5.36

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

TABLE III

Percentage of Pupils Who Failed of Promotion
1944-1948

Grades	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	Total Ave. Percent Failed
I	10.26	7.66	4.68	4.73	5.40	6.55
II	5.00	5.51	4.59	4.73	3.74	4.71
III	3.95	1.00	8.04	6.30	4.14	4.69
IV	2.25	3.22	3.15	6.26	5.05	3.98
V	2.81	1.27	2.39	3.11	5.55	3.02
VI	5.12	2.74	7.78	5.85	5.39	5.37
VII	9.87	9.22	6.29	8.19	3.43	7.40
VIII	4.24	1.99	2.73	3.76	6.34	3.81
Total Average	5.44	4.08	4.96	5.36	4.88	4.94

Percentage of Pupils Who Were Conditioned
1944-1948

I	5.47	4.42	1.46	1.66	2.18	3.03
II	2.90	4.19	2.26	0.82	2.81	2.60
III	5.89	7.05	3.45	4.01	4.83	5.05
IV	7.64	9.14	4.07	6.66	7.48	7.00
V	7.47	6.17	4.47	6.27	6.24	6.12
VI	12.92	15.77	7.70	11.43	6.88	10.94
VII	15.30	14.83	9.95	10.65	11.45	12.44
VIII	14.85	11.73	6.82	7.29	6.12	9.38
Total Average	9.05	9.16	5.02	5.41	6.00	6.93

TABLE IV

Showing Total Enrollment by Ages and Grades as of October 1, 1948

Age	Spec.and PreVoc.	GRADES 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	P.G.	Total
5 yrs. old(5 to6)		131													131
6 yrs. old(6 to7)		241	114												355
7 yrs. old		13	215	109											337
8 yrs. old	1		17	183	87										288
9 yrs. old	1		2	20	161	95									279
10 yrs. old	3			5	25	167	69								269
11 yrs. old	4				8	27	148	94							281
12 yrs. old	7				2	12	37	159	69	2					288
13 yrs. old	8						8	30	156	83	1				286
14 yrs. old	7						2	16	44	143	60	1			273
15 yrs. old	7							1	15	33	131	65	1		253
16 yrs. old	1						1		4	14	53	137	92		302
17 yrs. old										3	12	51	150	5	221
18 yrs. old										2	1	12	28	2	45
19 yrs. old										1	1	1	6		9
20 yrs. old & over													3		3
Total	39	385	348	317.	283	301	265	300	288	281	259	267	280	7	3620

TABLE V

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - JANUARY 1, 1948 to JANUARY 1, 1949

	Asked for by School Committee	Approp.by Board of Aldermen	Plus or Minus Transfers and Credits	Net Appropria-tions	Expenditures	Balances
Salaries	$552,204.00	$552,204.00	$ --	$552,204.00	$548,245.64	$ 3,958.36
Other General Expenses	3,835.00	3,835.00	- 150.00	3,685.00	3,653.03	31.97
Textbooks & Supplies	29,225.00	29,225.00	+ 3.75	29,228.75	29,212.15	16.60
Plant-Maintenance and Operation	89,579.00	89,579.00	- 34.29	89,544.71	89,406.53	138.18
	$674,843.00	$674,843.00	- 180.54	$674,662.46	$670,517.35	$ 4,145.11
SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS						
Carried from 1947						
Coolidge Fire Damage	1,790.32	1,790.32		1,790.32	123.27	1,667.05
Franklin Lightning	493.00	493.00		493.00	354.31	138.69
Coolidge Oil Tank	1,694.55	1,694.55		1,694.55	1,689.00	5.55
Coolidge Fire Service	490.68	490.68		490.68	490.68	0.00
1948						
Coolidge Fire Service	2,400.00	2,400.00		2,400.00	2,125.76	274.24
Athletic Insurance	1,270.00	1,270.00		1,270.00	1,270.00	0.00
Franklin Repairs	12,500.00	12,500.00		12,500.00	11,875.00	625.00
Equalization Women Teachers' Salaries	73,200.00	73,200.00		73,200.00	69,660.00	3,540.00
Adult Education	2,490.00	2,490.00	+ 280.00	2,770.00	2,659.32	110.68
Out-of-State Travel	200.00	200.00		200.00	140.81	59.19
	$ 96,528.55	$ 96,528.55	+ 280.00	$ 96,808.55	$ 90,388.15	$ 6,420.40
GRAND TOTAL	$771,371.55	$771,371.55	+ 99.46	$771,471.01	$760,905.50	$10,565.51

TABLE VI

Cost per Pupil, Average Membership, Fiscal Year 1948

	High	Elementary
General Control	$ 4,553.50	$ 10,135.20
General Control, per pupil	4.09	4.09
Teachers' Salaries	192,904.13	295,056.71
Teachers' Salaries, per pupil	173.47	118.92
Textbooks	5,132.01	7,526.08
Textbooks, per pupil	4.61	3.03
Supplies	5,203.47	11,350.59
Supplies, per pupil	4.68	4.58
Operation of School Plant	22,613.71	60,805.00
Operation of School Plant, per pupil	20.33	24.50
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds	12,051.11	33,910.20
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds, Per pupil	10.84	13.67
New Furniture and Furnishings	644.08	2,893.50
New Furniture and Furnishings, per pupil	.58	1.17
Other Expenses	965.96	681.36
Other Expenses, per pupil	.87	.27
Tuition - Vocational and Evening Schools	$3,019.44	
Transportation	$ 971.30	

TABLE VII

Showing Enrollment, Attendance, etc., for the School Year Ending June 30, 1948

1. By Schools

School	No. of different pupils enrolled exclusive of re-enrollment	No. of Boys	No. of Girls	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent of Attendance
High	1159	577	582	1133.40	1070.04	94.95
Coolidge	492	252	240	477.49	451.81	95.04
Franklin	276	130	146	276.60	261.45	94.81
Gooch	172	79	93	172.35	159.52	93.13
Lincoln	387	172	195	368.09	347.13	94.75
Ripley	81	47	34	81.94	76.53	94.21
Roosevelt	217	117	100	210.98	199.21	94.83
Warren	144	69	75	138.47	125.78	91.29
Washington	176	96	80	170.37	162.79	94.98
Whittier	153	81	72	154.43	140.39	91.32
Winthrop	387	204	183	368.43	340.56	92.81
Total	3644	1844	1800	3552.55	3335.21	93.76

2. By Grades

Grade					
Post Graduate	6	5	1	6.20	5.65	91.12
Senior	286	131	155	281.31	266.36	94.68
Junior	302	152	150	292.30	275.48	94.25
Sophomore	301	150	151	295.02	275.84	93.50
Freshman	264	139	125	258.57	246.71	95.41
Eighth	278	136	142	271.24	257.16	94.75
Seventh	298	167	131	291.68	277.27	95.03
Sixth	316	157	159	307.88	291.52	94.88
Fifth	279	155	124	268.79	253.94	94.74
Fourth	312	154	158	301.97	285.99	94.07
Third	300	150	150	296.07	276.06	93.29
Second	333	164	169	323.81	298.13	92.25
First	369	184	185	357.71	325.10	90.90
Total	3644	1844	1800	3552.55	3335.21	93.76

TABLE VIII

Number of Teachers in Different Departments
January 1, 1949

High

Number full-time teachers - women	27
Number full-time teachers (excluding Principal) - men	26
Number full-time principals	1
Number part-time teachers - women	0
Number part-time teachers - men	1
Number medical advisors	1
	56

Elementary

Number full-time women teachers, excluding non-teaching principals	93
Number full-time men teachers	6
Number non-teaching principals - women	4
Number non-teaching principals - men	0
Number special teachers and supervisors - women	5
Number part-time teachers - men	1
Number part-time teachers - women	1
	110
	166

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

TABLE IX

Report of Attendance Officer
September 1947 to June 1948

Number of cases investigated	38
Number found to be truants or absentees	15
Number of complaints in court	1
Number placed on probation by court	1
Number found to be working without certificates	1
Number of visits to schools	26
Number of visits to homes	35

TABLE X

Average Age of Pupils in the Different Grades
October 1, 1948

Primary:	
Grade 1	6 years, 2 months
Grade 2	7 years, 6 months
Grade 3	8 years, 5 months
Grade 4	9 years, 4 months
Grammar:	
Grade 5	10 years, 4 months
Grade 6	11 years, 5 months
Grade 7	12 years, 5 months
Grade 8	13 years, 7 months
High:	
Freshman	14 years, 6 months
Sophomore	15 years, 6 months
Junior	16 years, 6 months
Senior	17 years, 4 months
Post Graduates	17 years, 10 months

TABLE XI

Number of Children Enrolled in After-School Classes
November 1, 1948

Piano	60
Violin	15
Trumpet	18
Trombone	1
Clarinets	15
Saxophone	5
Flute	3
Drums	12
Art	19

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

REPORT OF MELROSE LIONS CLUB EYE CLINIC
School Year 1947-1948

156 Examinations and office visits
33 Applications
33 Children provided with glasses
8 Repairs on glasses

DENTAL REPORT OF HEALTH TEACHER
School Year 1947-1948

Number of individual inspections. .	5371
Number of notices sent.	1056
Number of home calls	50
Number of telephone calls	80
Number of pupils rechecked for oral cleanliness. . .	541
Number of prophylactic treatments. .	289

NUMBER OF EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES ISSUED

		1947	1948
Age 16 to 21	Boys	270	234
	Girls	175	276
		445	501
Age 14 to 16 (for work outside of school hours)	Boys	32	23
	Girls	14	2
		46	25
Age 14 to 16 (full time employment)	Boys	1	0
	Girls	0	0
		1	0

INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL BUILDINGS
MELROSE, MASSACHUSETTS

Name	When Built	Valuation
Whittier	1884	$ 32,000
Gooch	1886	105,500
Warren	1892	47,800
Franklin	1896	118,900
Lincoln	1896	316,700
Washington	1896	211,100
Coolidge	1897	527,800
Roosevelt	1924	230,500
Ripley	1924	128,111
Winthrop	1926	235,000
High	1933	1,142,222

GENERAL STATISTICS

Population of Melrose (Jan. 1, 1948)	27,754
Number of different pupils enrolled, exclusive of re-enrollment school year 1947-48	3,644
Number in High School	1,159
Number in Elementary Schools	2,485
Total approved school bills, fiscal year (Support)	$740,177.35
Amount expended for High School, fiscal year 1948 (exclusive of General Control)	$255,342.19
Cost per pupil in High School, based upon average membership Jan. 1, 1948 to Jan. 1, 1949 (1112)	229.62
Amount expended for Elementary Schools, fiscal year 1948 (exclusive of General Control)	$470,146.46
Cost per pupil in Elementary Schools, based upon average membership Jan. 1, 1948 to Jan. 1, 1949 (2481)	189.50
Amount expended for tuition (vocational schools	3,019.44
Number full time High School teachers, including Principal, Jan. 1, 1949	54
Number of full-time Elementary teachers, including principals, Jan. 1, 1949	108

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

MELROSE HIGH SCHOOL HIGH HONOR LIST
(All A averages for four years)

Barbara Jane Mellin

HONOR LIST
(All A and B averages for four years)

Frances Elizabeth Alden
Marilyn Joyce Conte
Marion Shirley Correa
Barbara Ann Fleet
Joann Foster
Robert Carlton Gaynor
David Lloyd Gilchrist
Joanne Shirley Goodnow
Margaret Jane Greene
Richard C. Hong
Richard Frederick Jenney
Josette Jeanne Kaloustian
Lorna Maclachlan
Joan Ruth McKenzie
Shirley Ann Mutch
Marilyn Ruth Sargent
Mary Louise Vincent

PRIZES AWARDED JUNE 1948

Levi Gould Medal

Barbara Jane Mellin

The Social Studies award	Ingrid Natalie Johnson
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute award	Richard Frederick Jenney
The Bausch and Lomb Optical Company award	Richard Gray Beeler
Daughters of the American Revolution "Good Citizen" award	Frances Elizabeth Alden
Melrose Highlands Woman's Club award	Marjorie Wright
Ruth Ansell Morrison award	Frances Elizabeth Alden
Ruth Pauline Nixon award	Marilyn Joyce Conte
The Wing Musical award	(Marilyn Ruth Sargent (Barbara Louise Mitchell
Robert Nordstrom award	Barbara Marilyn Brackett
Harvard Book	Richard Lindstrom
Fred W. Green, Jr. award	John Grocott
Psi Theta Xi Sorority	Ruth Elaine Merriman
Melrose Teachers' Club	Ingrid Natalie Johnson
Melrose High School Parent-Teachers' Association (four scholarships)	(Barbara Sherman Blood (Barbara A. Crockett (Marilyn Dawn McCann (Joan Rolfe
The Pond Fielde Club scholarship	Claire Marie Flood
Omicron Delta Fraternity award	George Ancell Pearse, Jr.
Class of 1948 award	Anita Belle Beard

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen

Gentlemen:

The Report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year 1948 follows:

Weighing and Measuring Devices

	Adjusted	Sealed	Not Sealed	Condemned
Scales	58	269	3	3
Weights		297		
Volumetric Measures		131		1
Auto. Liquid Measures	27	125	5	
Linear Measures		26		
Totals	85	848	8	4

Trial Weighings and Measurings — 112
Commodities sold or put up for sale (including bulk fuel, solids)

Inspections — 188
Fibre cartons, coal certif., milk and cream jars, fuel meters (liquids), markings of bread and cake, egg packages, foods in packages, coal in paper bags, clinical thermometers, pedlers' scales and licenses, junk scales, etc. etc.

Equipment, in quantity and value, approximately the same as at end of 1947

Cost of Department		Receipts of Department	
Salaries	$1675.00	Fees, Sealing	$105.73
Other Expenses	225.00	Licenses	20.00
Total	$1900.00	Total	$125.73

Respectfully submitted,
Wesley H. Murray
Wesley H. Murray
Sealer

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' BENEFITS AND SERVICES

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith the following report of the Department of Veterans' Benefits and Services for the year ending December 31, 1948.

General Administration
Salaries and Wages

Appropriation:		
Budget	$ 3,895.00	
Revenue Order	196.67	
Transfer Order	100.00	
	$ 4,191.67	
Expended:		
Salaries		$ 4,191.67
	$ 4,191.67	$ 4,191.67

General Administration
Other Expenses

Appropriation:		
Budget	$ 800.00	
	$ 800.00	
Expended:		
Bills		$ 699.99
Transfer Order		100.00
Balance		.01
		$ 800.00
	$ 800.00	$ 800.00

Veterans' Benefits
(One half of expended to be refunded by State)

Appropriation:		
Budget	$12,000.00	
Transfer Order	4,000.00	
	$16,000.00	
Expended:		
Treasurer's Payrolls.		$13,144.68
Bills		30.00
Balance		2,825.32
		$16,000.00
	$16,000.00	$16,000.00

Veterans' Burial

Appropriation:		
Budget.....	$ 200.00	
	$ 200.00	
Expended:		
Burial.....		$ 100.00
Balance.....		100.00
		$ 200.00
	$ 200.00	$ 200.00

Respectfully submitted,

H. Leslie Trickey

H. Leslie Trickey

REPORT OF THE WIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Mayor
and Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the following report of the Wire Department for the year 1948.

Fire Alarm System.

Seven hundred and sixty inspections were made of box movements.
Seven miles of weatherproof wire were pulled in
Two hundred feet of tree molding were installed
All boxes were painted one coat of red.

Police Signal.

One hundred and twenty batteries were installed in police boxes.
Four hundred and twenty five batteries were installed at Police Headquarters.
Ninety lamps were replaced in red lights.
Four miles of iron and three miles of of copper wire were pulled in.
All boxes painted.

Traffic Signals.

One hundred lamps were replaced.
One hundred and ten inspections were made on timers .
All posts and controls were painted.

Inspection of Wires.

Seven hundred and forty five were made on oil burners.
Fourteen hundred and forty six inspections were nade on new work.
One hundred and forty on defects.
Two hundred and thirty seven permits issued to the Malden Electric Co allowing current to be turned on.

Respectfully submitted
Fred A Edwards
Inspector of Wires,

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